



'COURSE,
IT WOULD
NORMALLY
BE A JOB
FOR US
MPS...

PIXIS IS IN
COMMAND.
I'M SURE
HE'LL
SUCCEED.

I'M
JUST
GLAD WE
WERE ABLE
TO RE-
STRAIN THE
VOLUN-
TEERS.

Episode 108: A Sound Argument



FEELING
SYMPATHY
FOR
MARLEYANS,
NILE?

HAH.



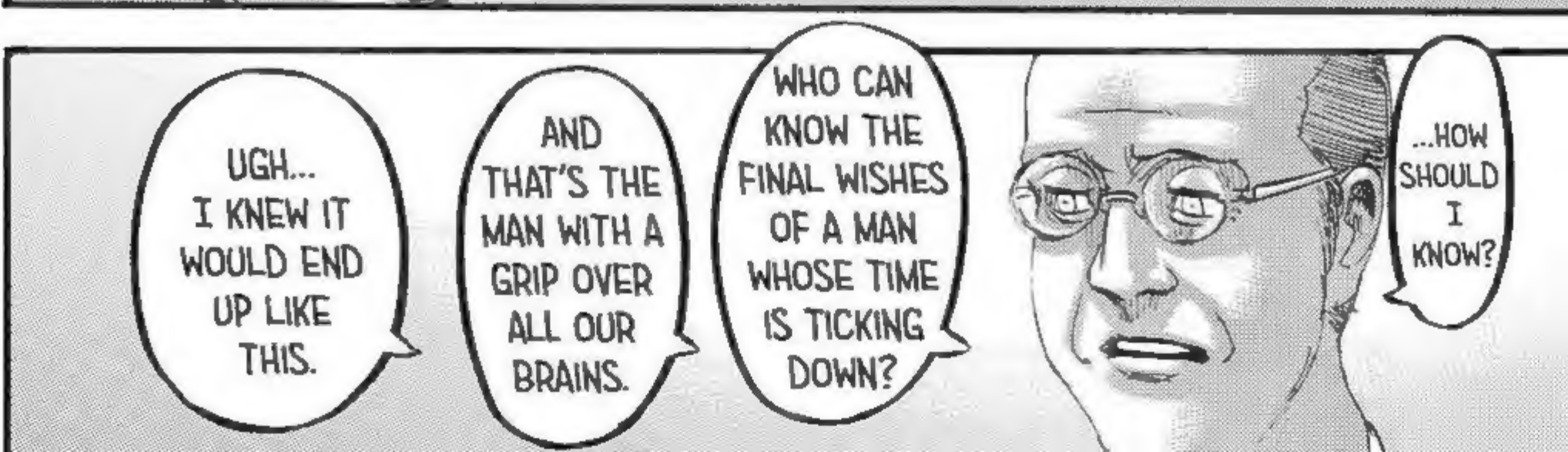
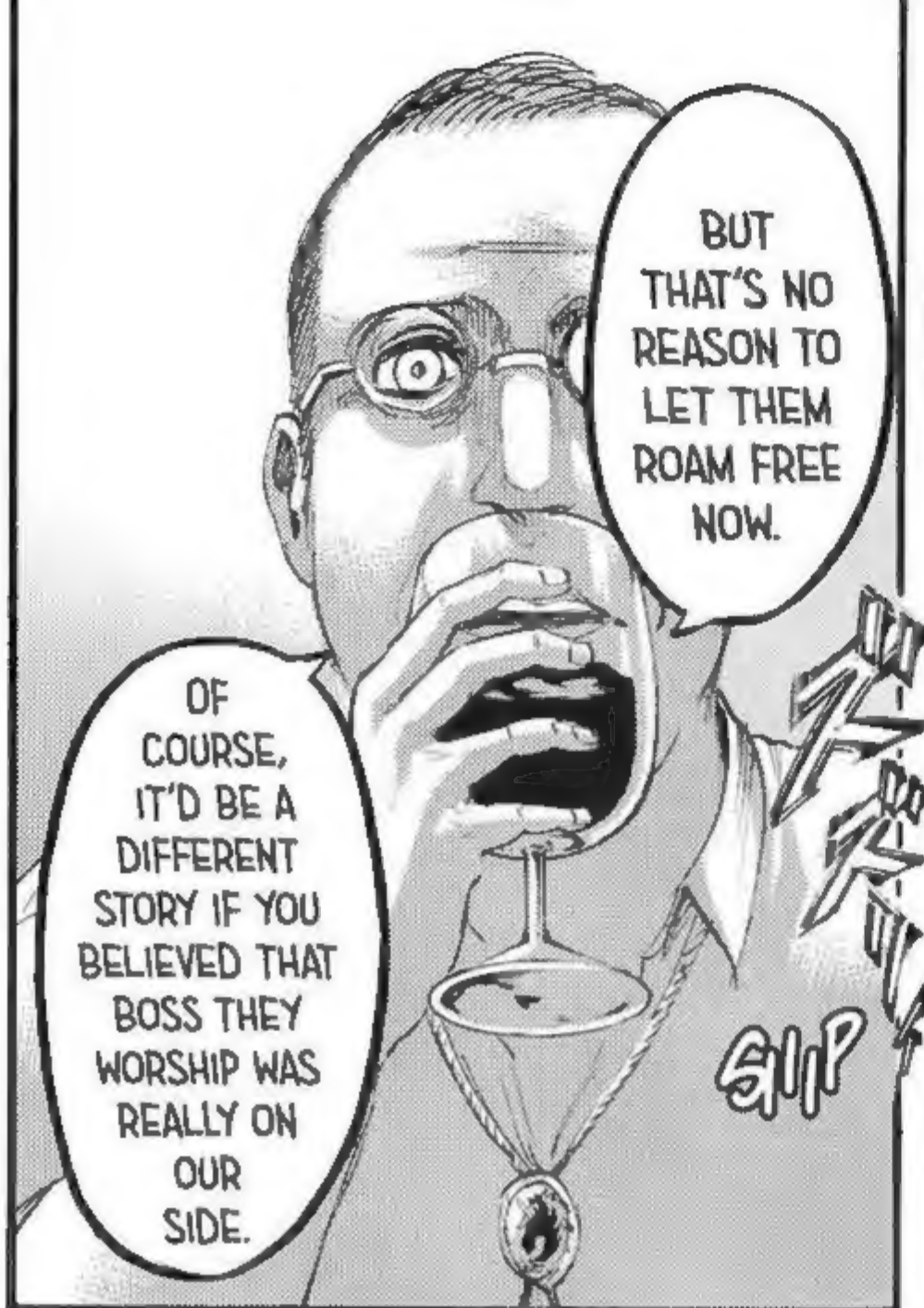
ROEG.

I SEE
YOU'RE
QUITE
DRUNK,




...THOSE
VOLUNTEERS
DID SO MUCH
FOR US. TO
MAKE THEM
HATE US NOW
IS JUST SO...

EVEN
IF IT
DOES
WORK
OUT...

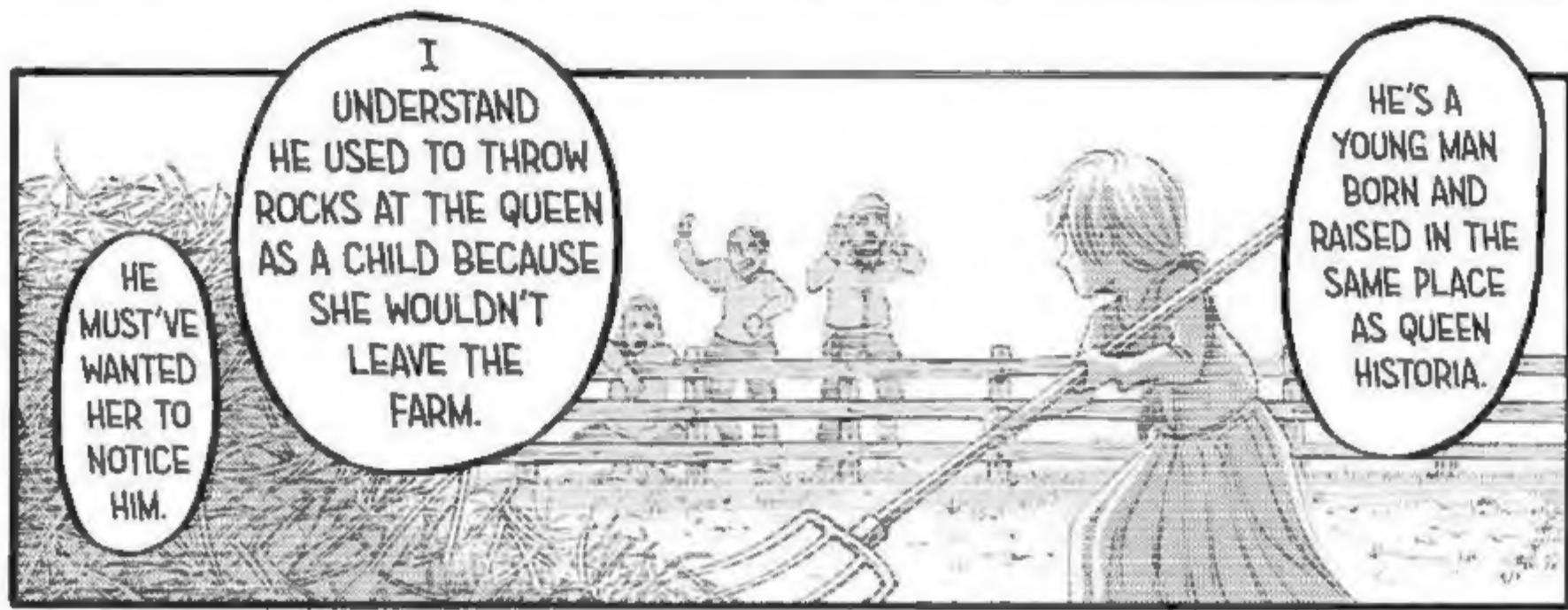






HE'S BEEN
CHECKED OUT. WE
KNOW HE'S NO
ONE'S PAWN.


THE
QUEEN HAS
THE RIGHT
TO CHOOSE
HER PART-
NER.



HE
MUST'VE
WANTED
HER TO
NOTICE
HIM.

I
UNDERSTAND
HE USED TO THROW
ROCKS AT THE QUEEN
AS A CHILD BECAUSE
SHE WOULDN'T
LEAVE THE
FARM.

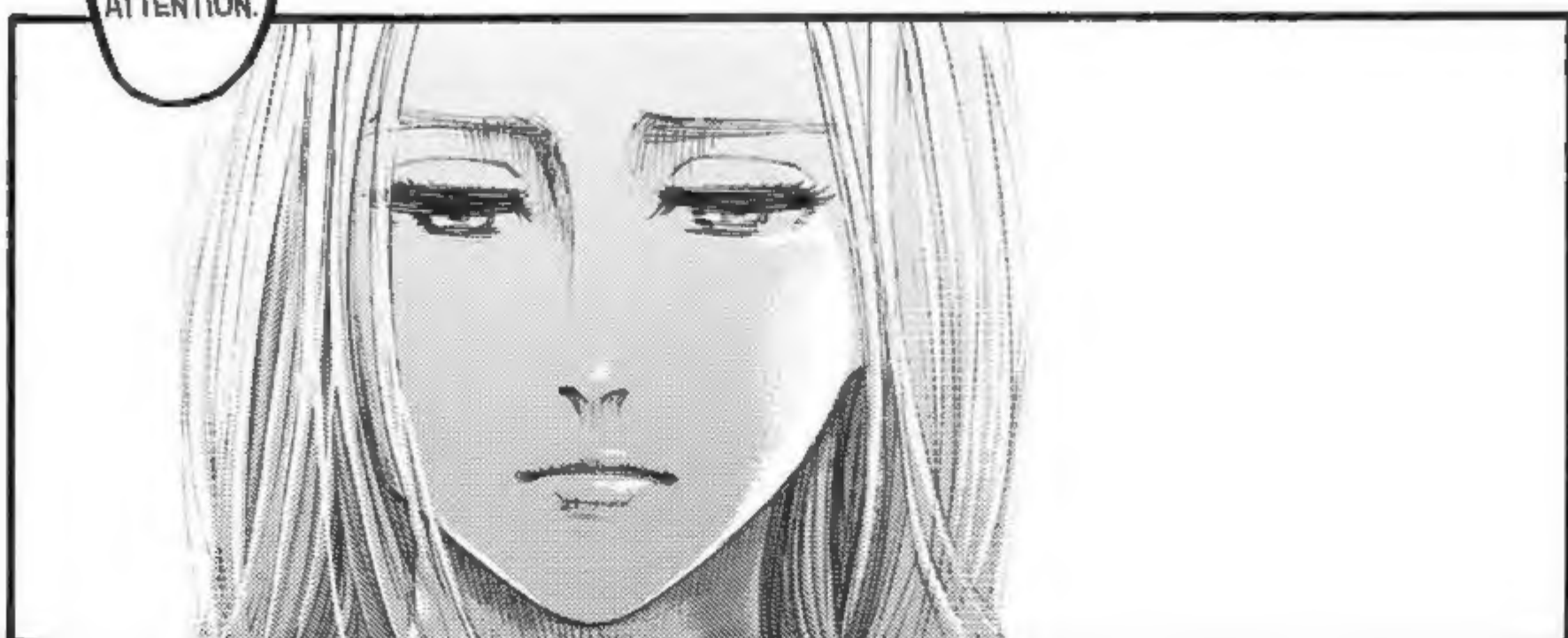
HE'S A
YOUNG MAN
BORN AND
RAISED IN THE
SAME PLACE
AS QUEEN
HISTORIA.

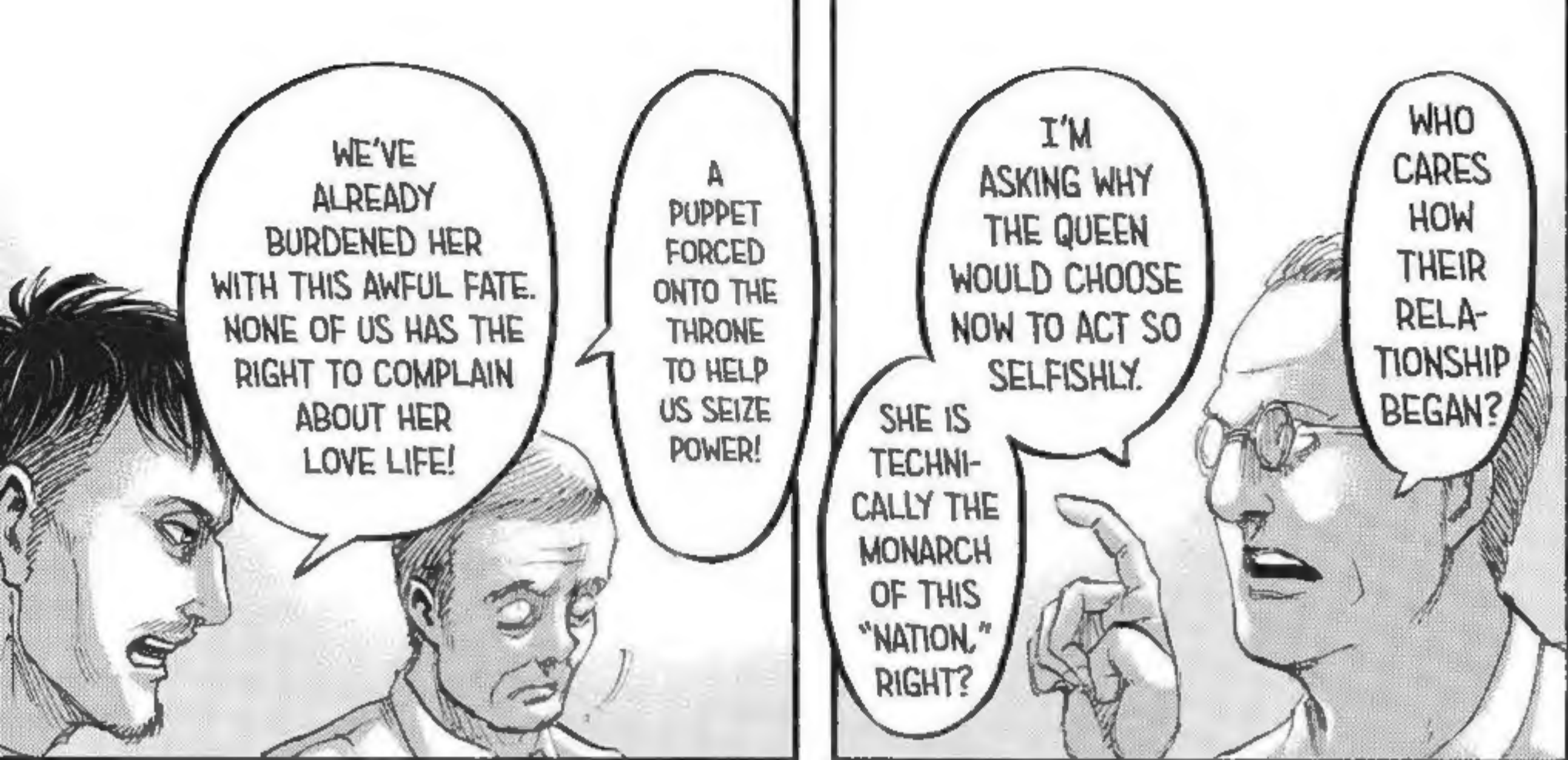


HE
DID MENIAL
WORK WITH
HIS HEAD
DOWN FOR
YEARS.

HE WASN'T
TRYING TO
GET HER
ATTENTION.

HE SAYS
HE WORKED AT
THE QUEEN'S
ORPHANAGE OUT
OF THE GUILT HE
FELT FROM
BACK THEN.





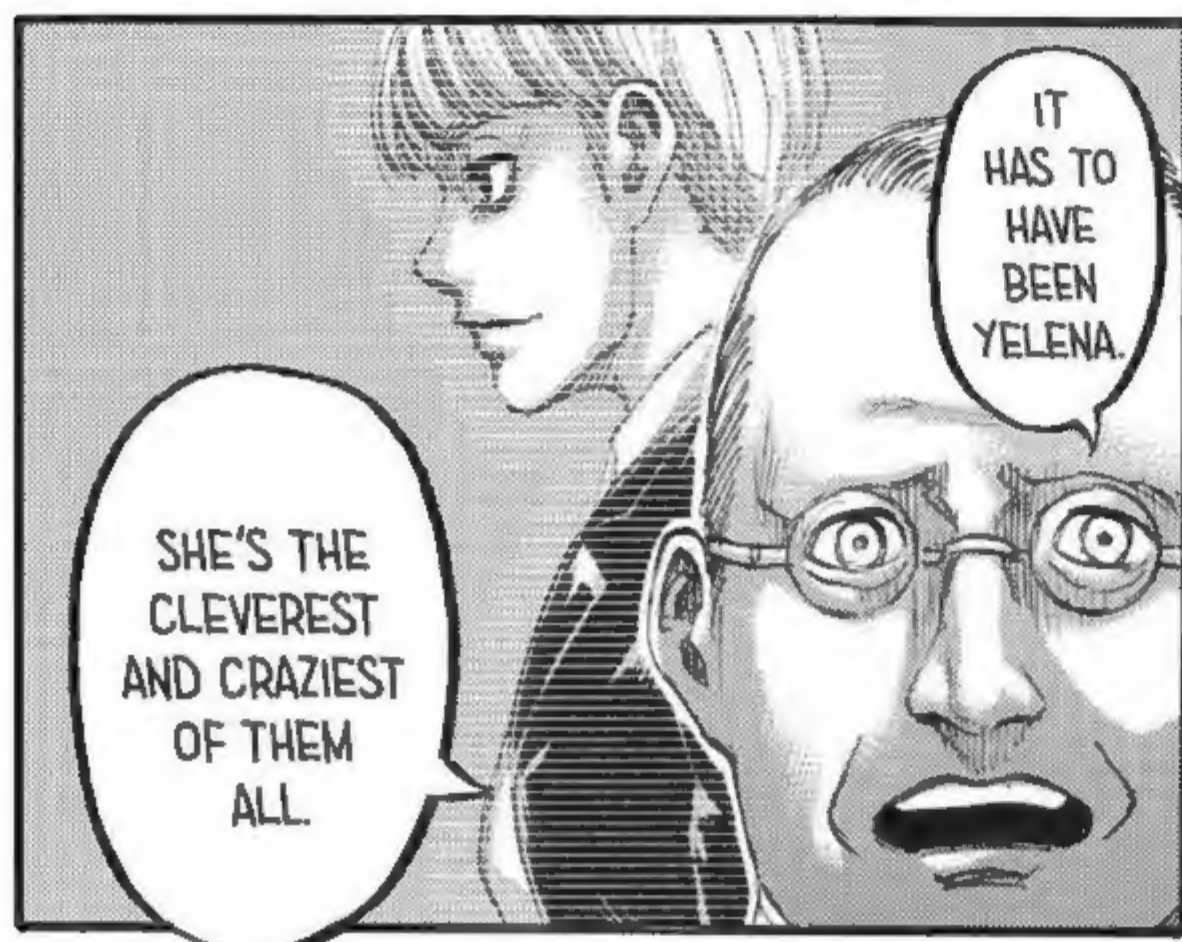


DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF OF THAT?

PERHAPS SHE WANTED ZEKE TO LIVE OUT MORE OF THE TIME HE HAS LEFT.

YOU'RE REALLY SAYING SHE'D BE SCARED OF INHERITING THE BEAST TITAN?

SHE'S NOT JUST THE QUEEN! SHE'S ALSO A BRAVE SOLDIER WHO'S HAD HER SHARE OF SCRAPES WITH DEATH.



SHE'S THE CLEVEREST AND CRAZIEST OF THEM ALL.

IT HAS TO HAVE BEEN YELENA.



IN OTHER WORDS, A VOLUNTEER.

SOMEONE WHO WANTED ZEKE TO SURVIVE HERE ADVISED HER.



YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, ROEG.

ZEKE SURVIVED THANKS TO THE QUEEN'S PREGNANCY!

SO YOU HAVE NO PROOF?

WHAT COULD THOSE BASTARDS BE PLANNING?!



CHILD-BIRTH IS A BIG ENOUGH THREAT TO HER LIFE ALREADY...

AND IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, IT'S ALL OVER.

THAT MIGHT KILL HER CHILD.



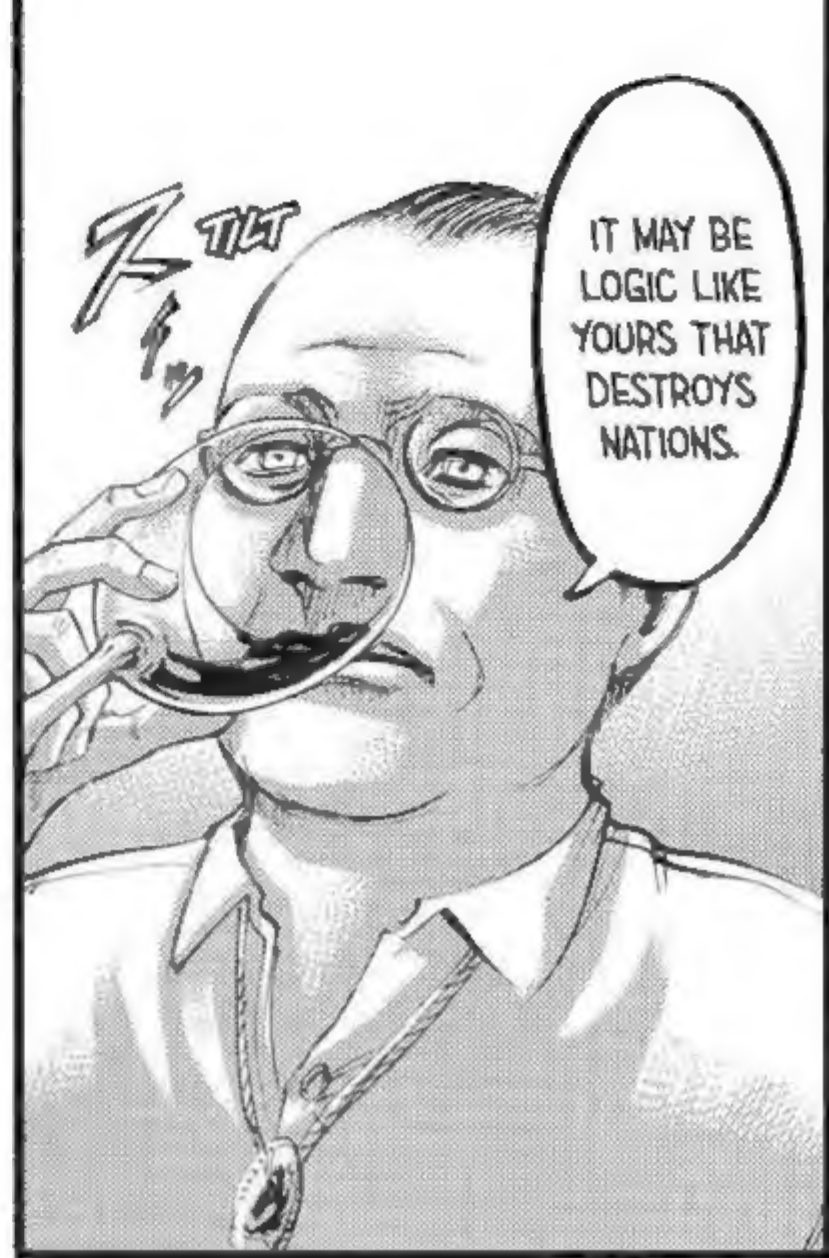
JUST MAKE HER A TITAN... PREGNANT OR NOT.

...IT'S NOT TOO LATE...



YES,
SIR.

HEY,
MARLEYAN!
ANOTHER
BOTTLE.



IT MAY BE
LOGIC LIKE
YOURS THAT
DESTROYS
NATIONS.



NIC-
COLO.

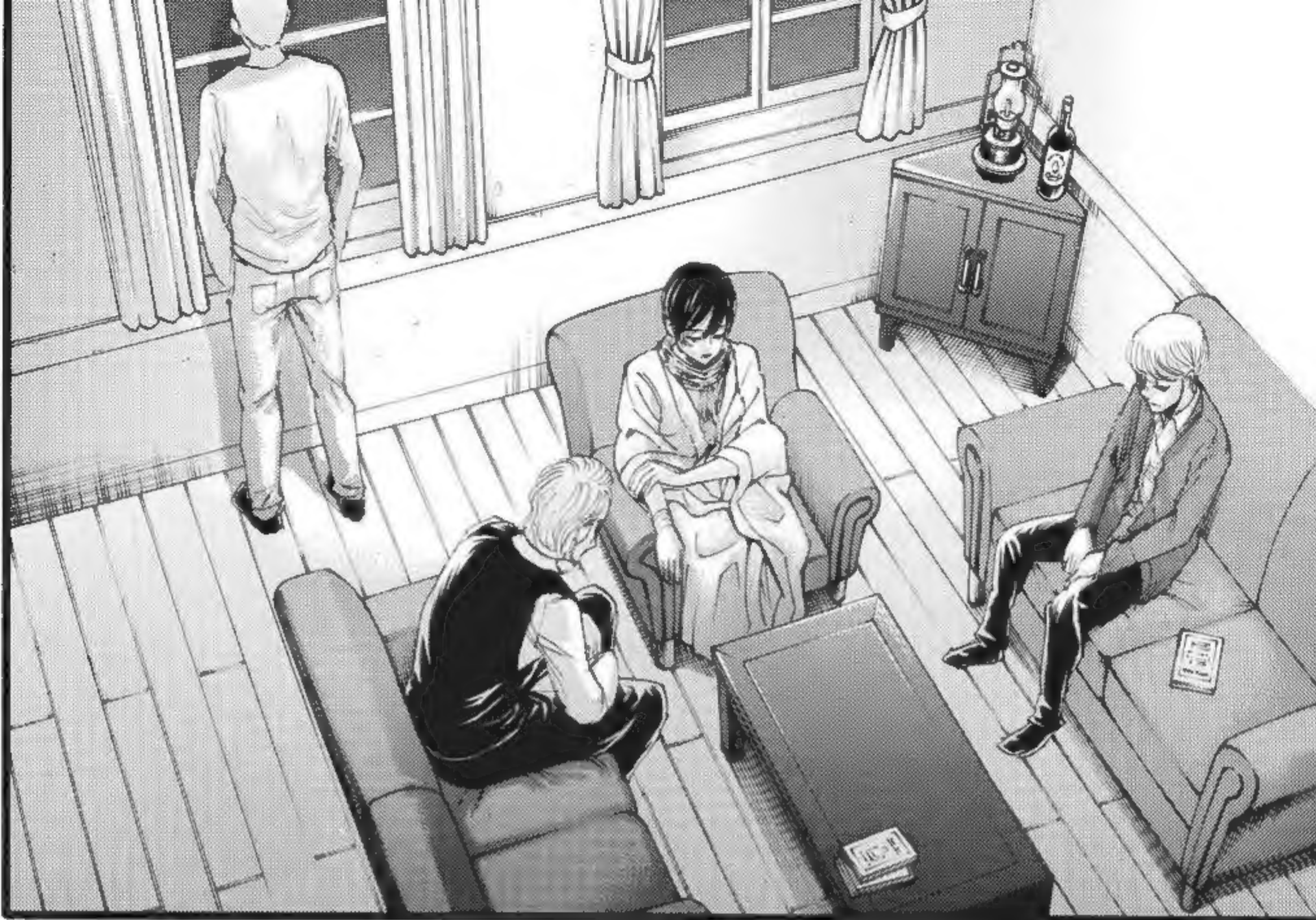


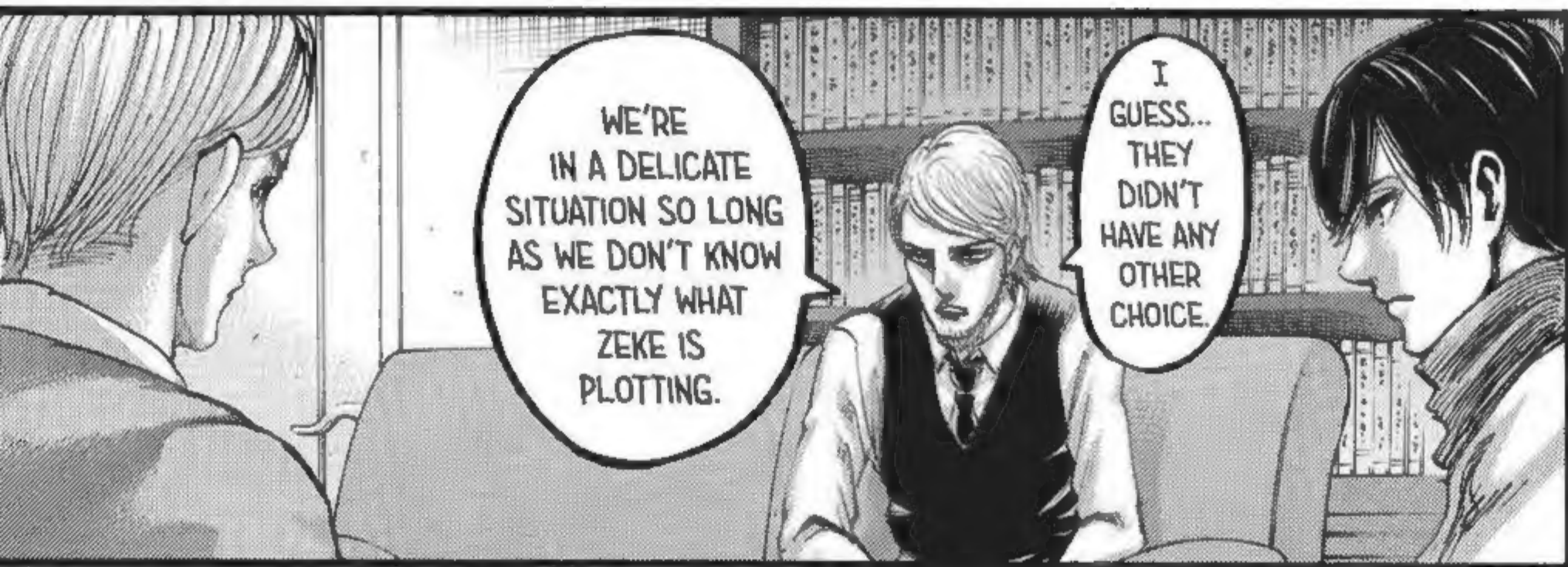
THIS
ONE'S
YOUR
RECOM-
MENDATION,
RIGHT?



SAM







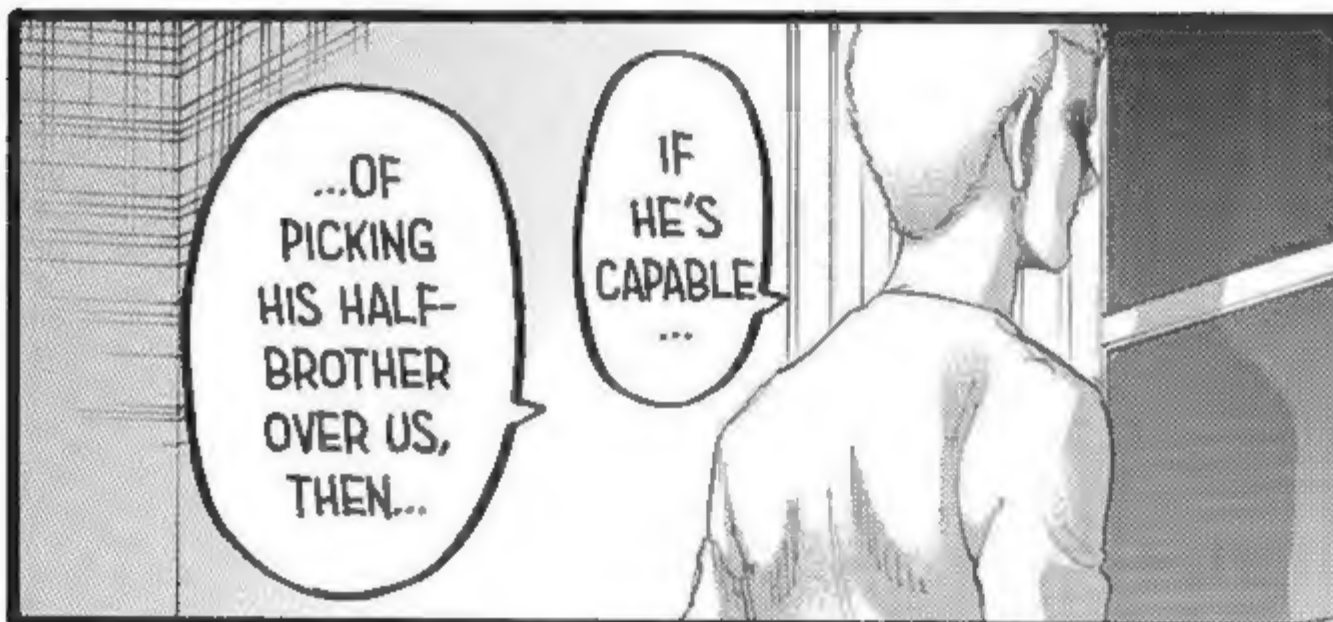


ALL
OF
YOU.

HEY.



DID THAT
LOOK LIKE
EREN TO
YOU?



...OF
PICKING
HIS HALF-
BROTHER
OVER US,
THEN...

IF
HE'S
CAPABLE
...



THAT
WASN'T
EREN.

IT
DIDN'T
TO ME.

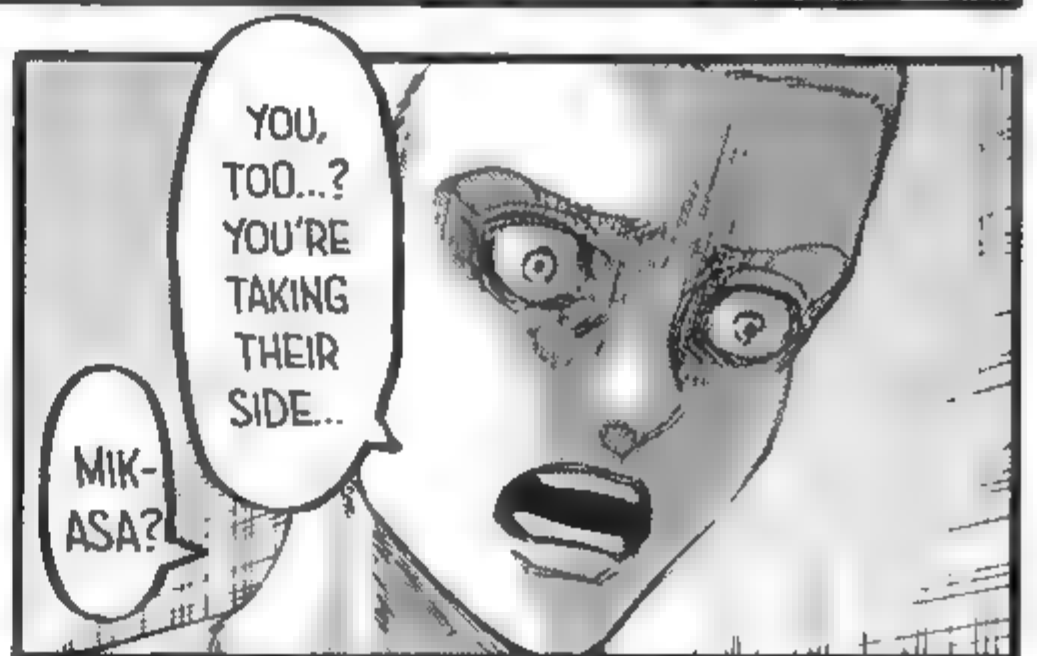
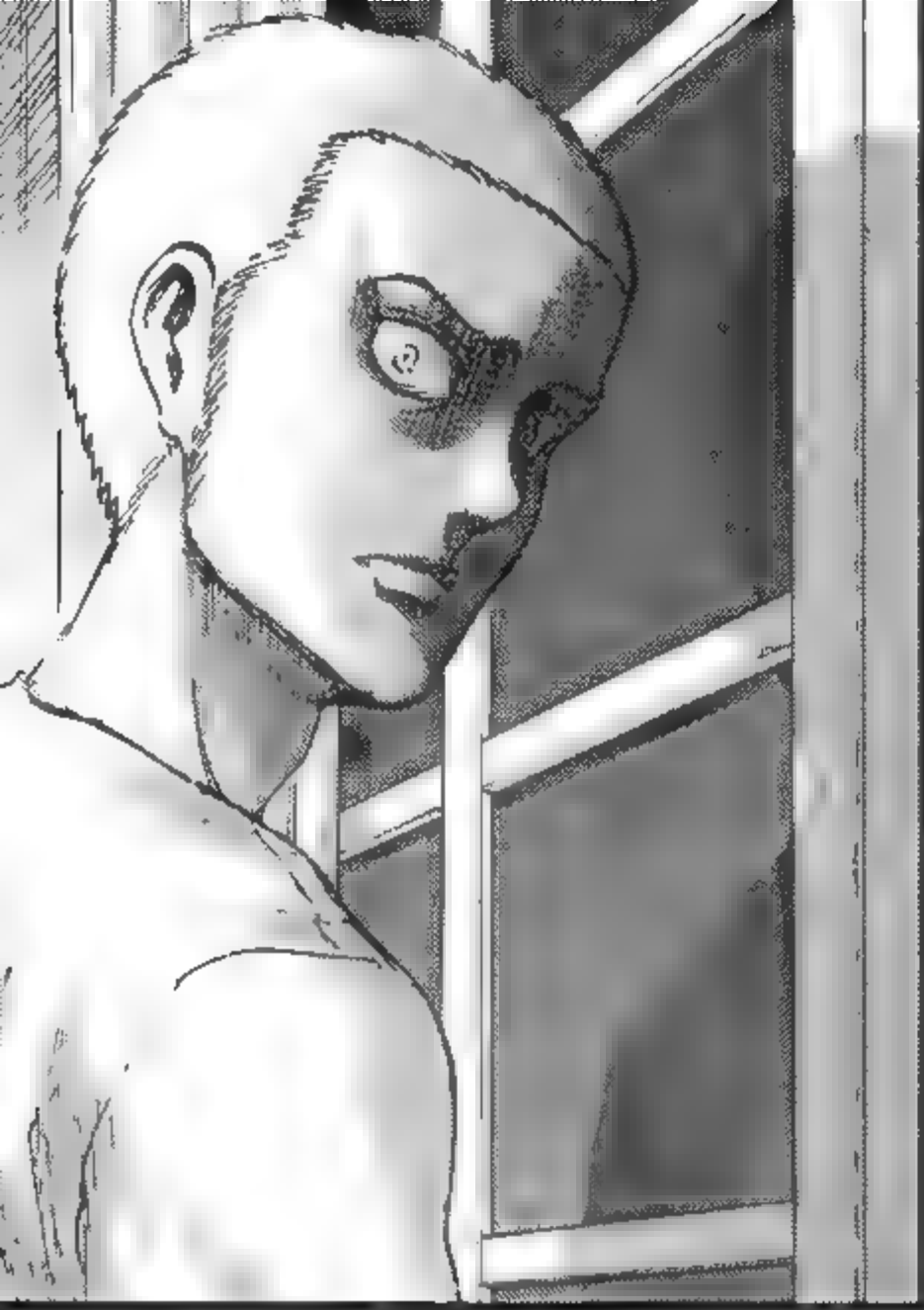


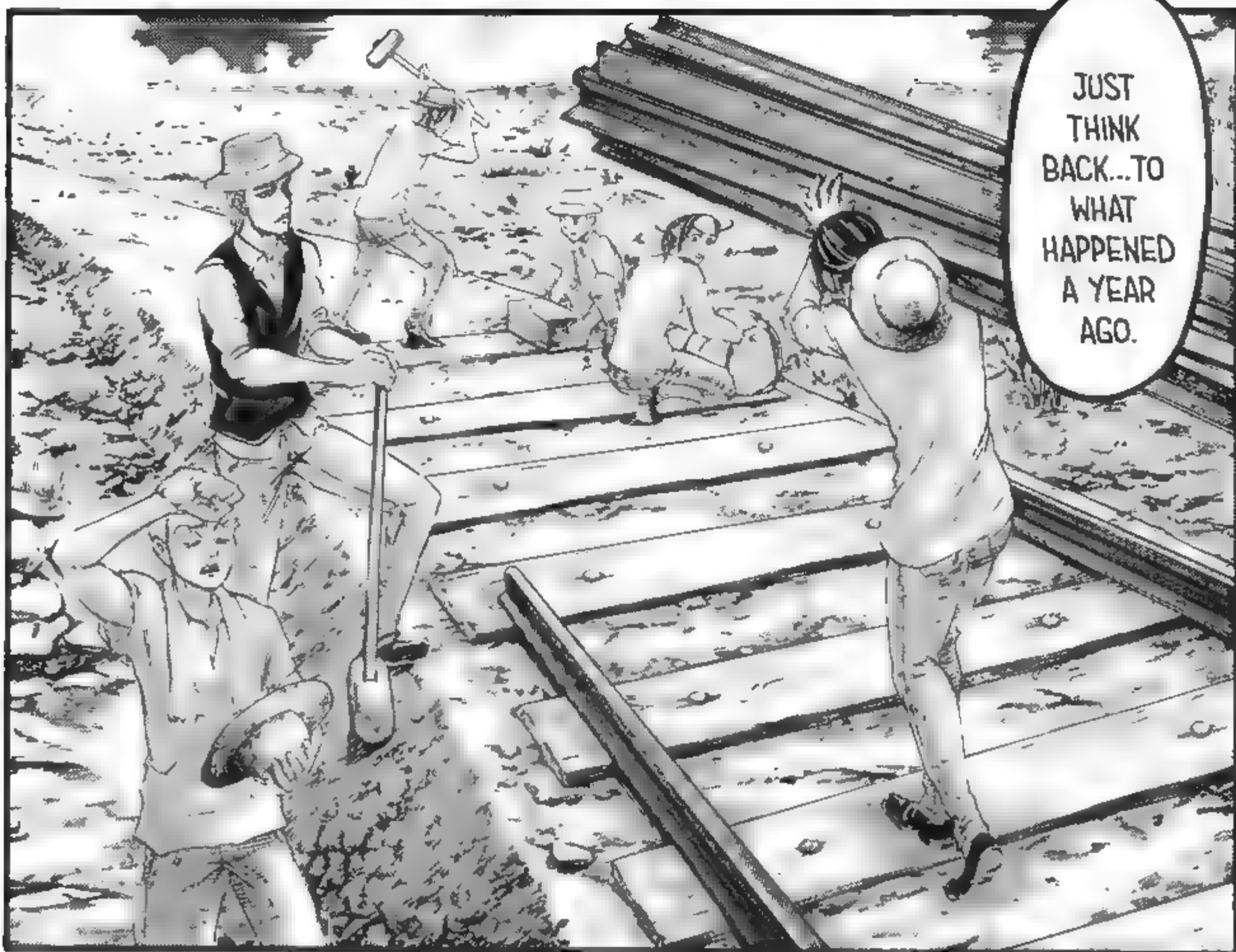
WE
NEED TO BE
PREPARED TO
CUT HIM DOWN
OURSELVES.



...
THEN
...

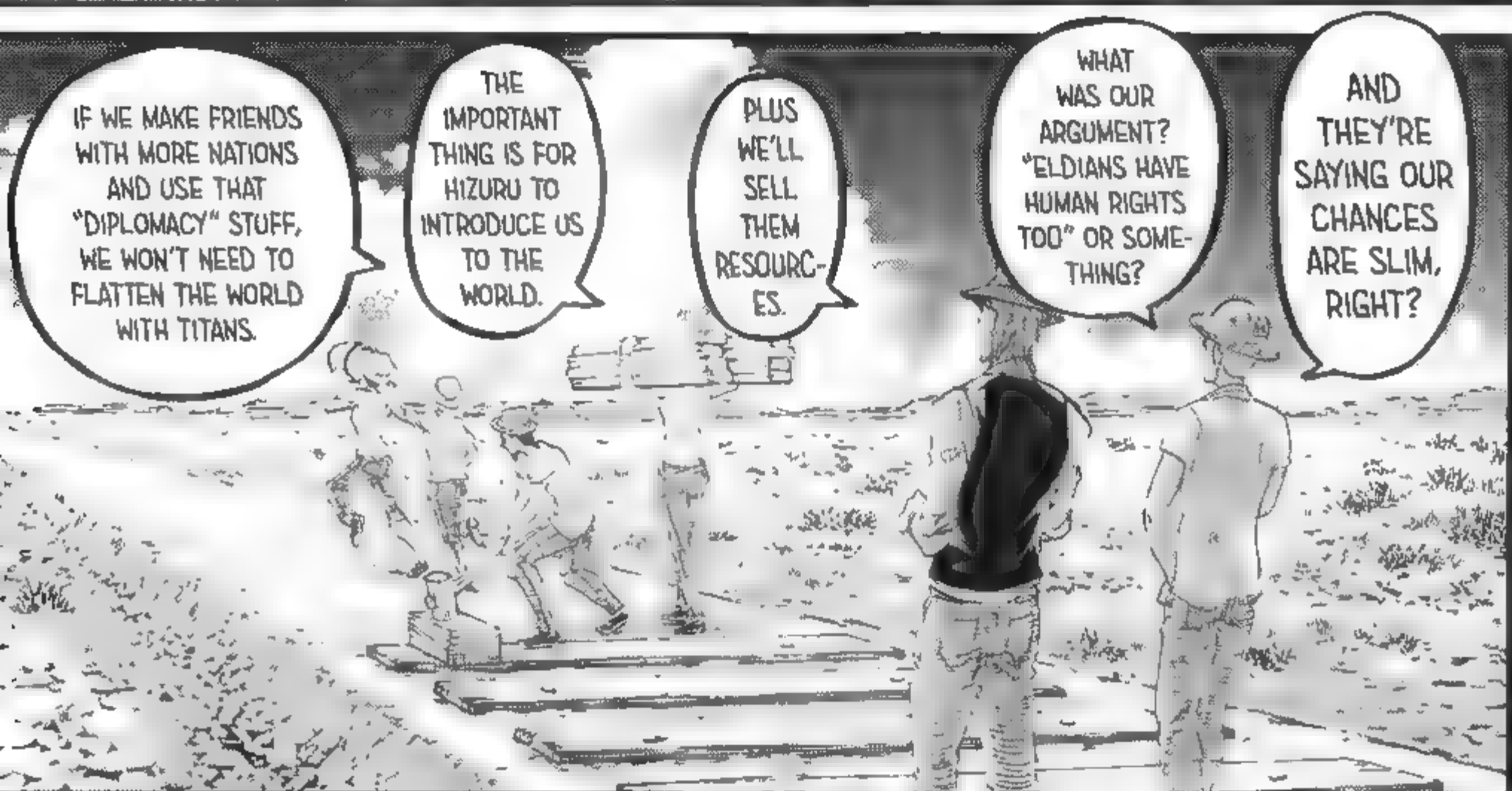
...
WHAT
?







WELL...IT'S
TRUE THAT
WE ARE JUST
WAITING FOR
AN ANSWER
FROM HIZURU
NOW...



IF WE MAKE FRIENDS
WITH MORE NATIONS
AND USE THAT
"DIPLOMACY" STUFF,
WE WON'T NEED TO
FLATTEN THE WORLD
WITH TITANS.

THE
IMPORTANT
THING IS FOR
HIZURU TO
INTRODUCE US
TO THE
WORLD.

PLUS
WE'LL
SELL
THEM
RESOURC-
ES.

WHAT
WAS OUR
ARGUMENT?
"ELDIANS HAVE
HUMAN RIGHTS
TOO" OR SOME-
THING?

AND
THEY'RE
SAYING OUR
CHANCES
ARE SLIM,
RIGHT?



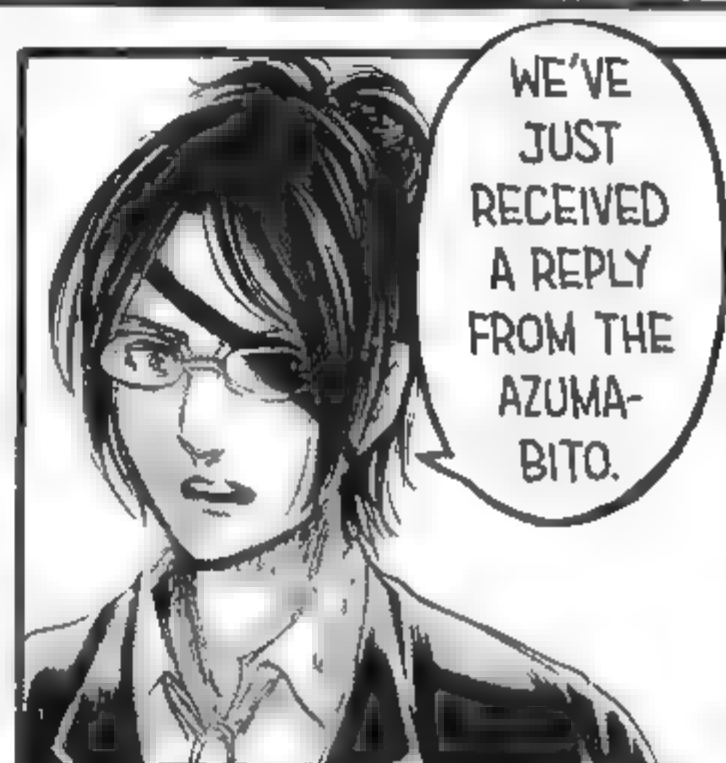
HEY
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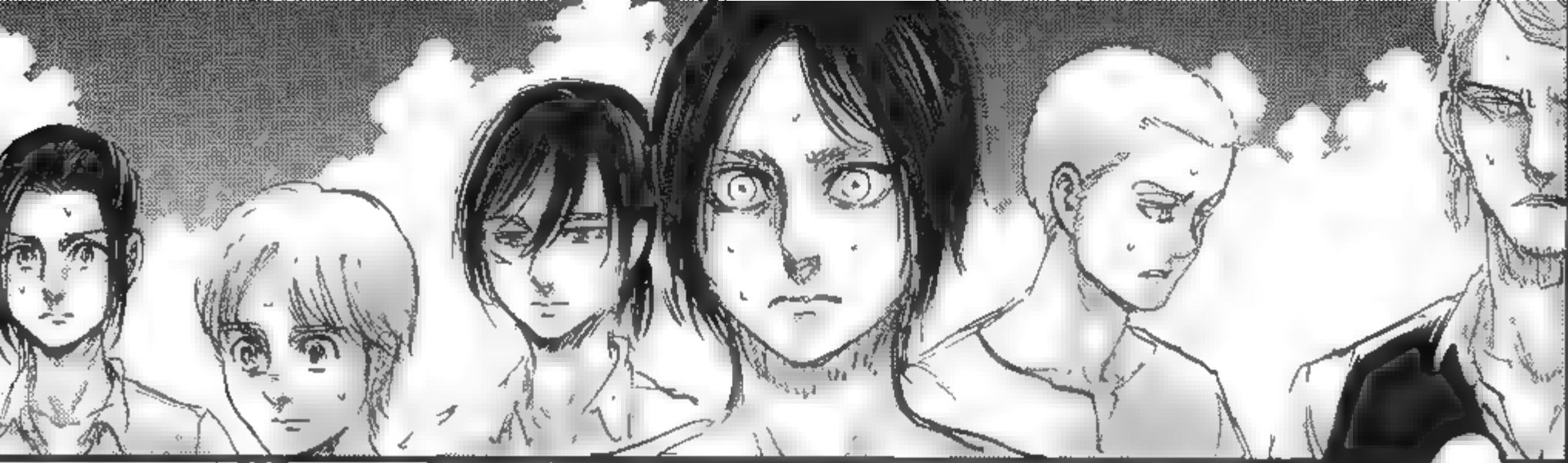


...WE
HAVE
TO GIVE
IT A
TRY.

AND
IF THAT
SAVES
HISTORIA
FROM
SUFFERING
...

YEAH





...BUT
THEY'RE
CONSIDERED
FREAKS. NO
ONE WILL
TAKE THEM
SERIOUSLY.

SURE,
THERE ARE
ORGANIZATIONS
WHO WANT TO
PROTECT THE
RIGHTS OF
ELDIANS...

THEY'RE
NOT GOING
TO HELP
US TRADE
WITH OTHER
NATIONS.

HIZURU
WAS INTERESTED
IN KEEPING OUR
RESOURCES ALL
FOR THEM-
SELVES.

I
KNEW
IT...



THEY
THINK THAT
SHARED ATTITUDE
BRINGS THEM ALL
TOGETHER,
PROTECTING
GLOBAL
STABILITY.

IN FACT,
THE WORLD
NEEDS PARADIS
TO BE THE ROOT
OF ALL EVIL...





...AND THAT
WE HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO SACRIFICE
HISTORIA?

SO...
DOES THAT
MEAN WE JUST
HAVE TO RELY
ON THE EARTH-
SHAKING...

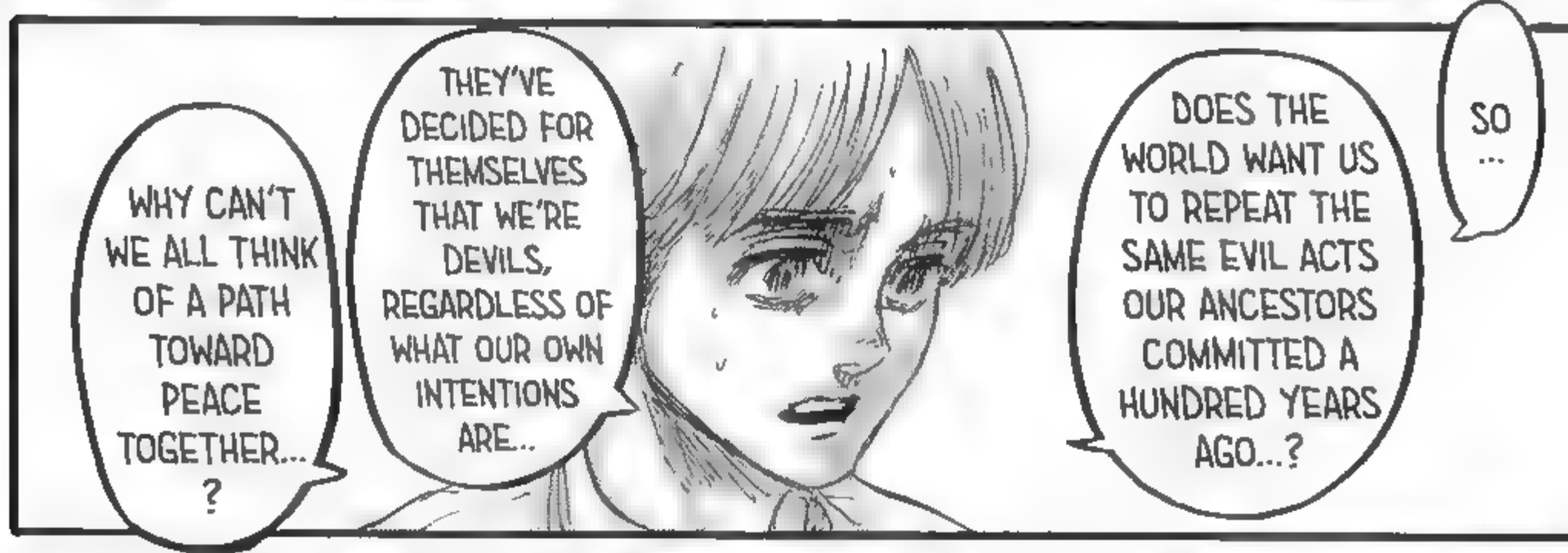


THAT'S



IT'S IN OUR
TREATY WITH
HIZURU THAT WE'LL
ENTER INTO A
MILITARY ALLIANCE
BACKED BY THE
EARTH-SHAKING.

...IT
DOES.



WHY CAN'T
WE ALL THINK
OF A PATH
TOWARD
PEACE
TOGETHER...
?

THEY'VE
DECIDED FOR
THEMSELVES
THAT WE'RE
DEVILS,
REGARDLESS OF
WHAT OUR OWN
INTENTIONS
ARE...

DOES THE
WORLD WANT US
TO REPEAT THE
SAME EVIL ACTS
OUR ANCESTORS
COMMITTED A
HUNDRED YEARS
AGO...?

SO
...



THEY
DON'T
KNOW WHO
WE ARE, SO
THEY'RE
SCARED
OF US.

...
PROB-
ABLY
...

...
BECAUSE
THEY
DON'T
KNOW.





THE
WORLD CAN'T
SEE OUR FACES.
WHY WOULD
THEY EVER
TRUST
US?

WE
COULD KEEP
RELYING ON THE
AZUMABITO TO GO
AROUND TO OTHER
COUNTRIES, BUT
THE OUTCOME
WON'T CHANGE.



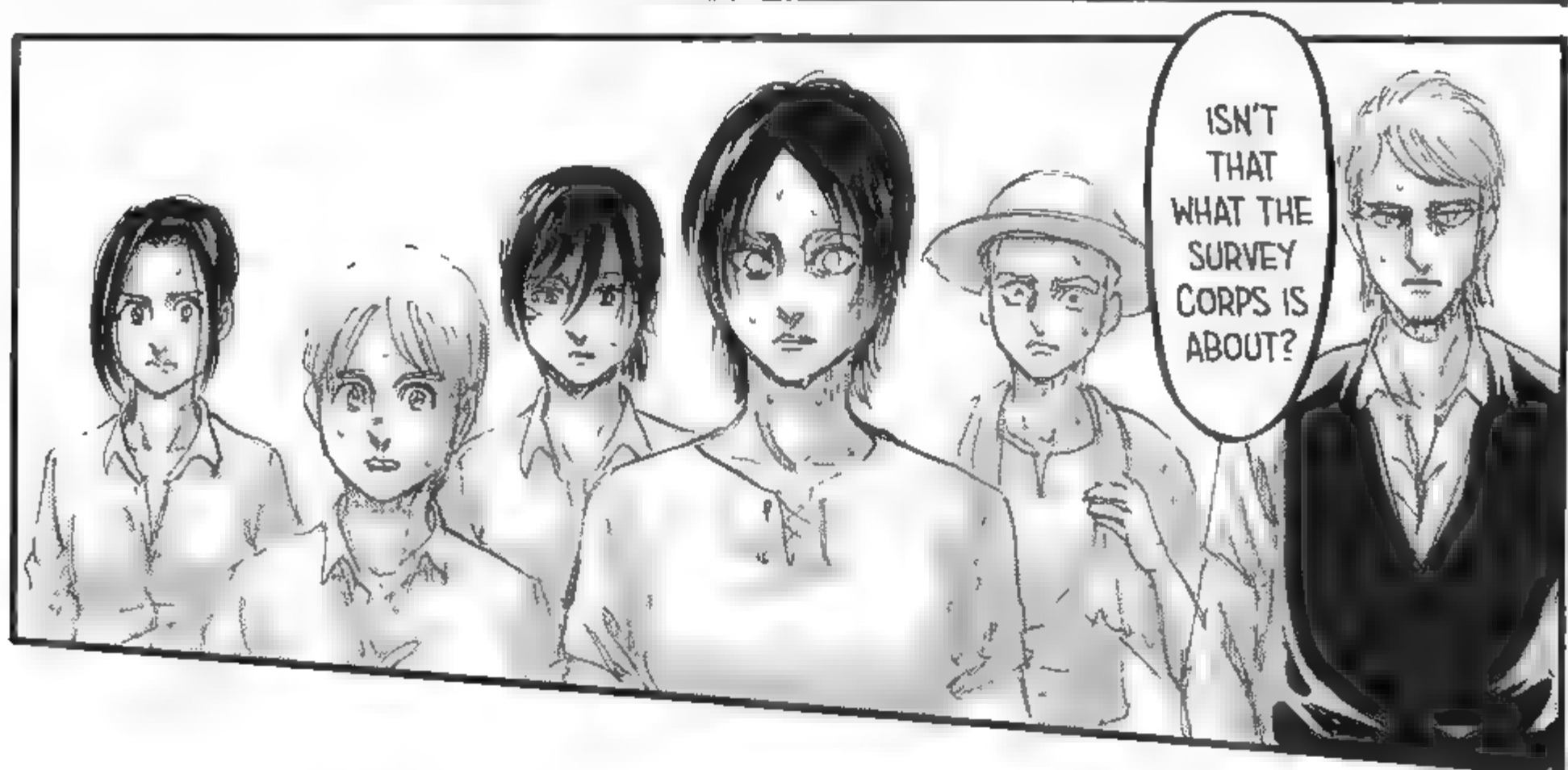
...
THAT'S
IT.



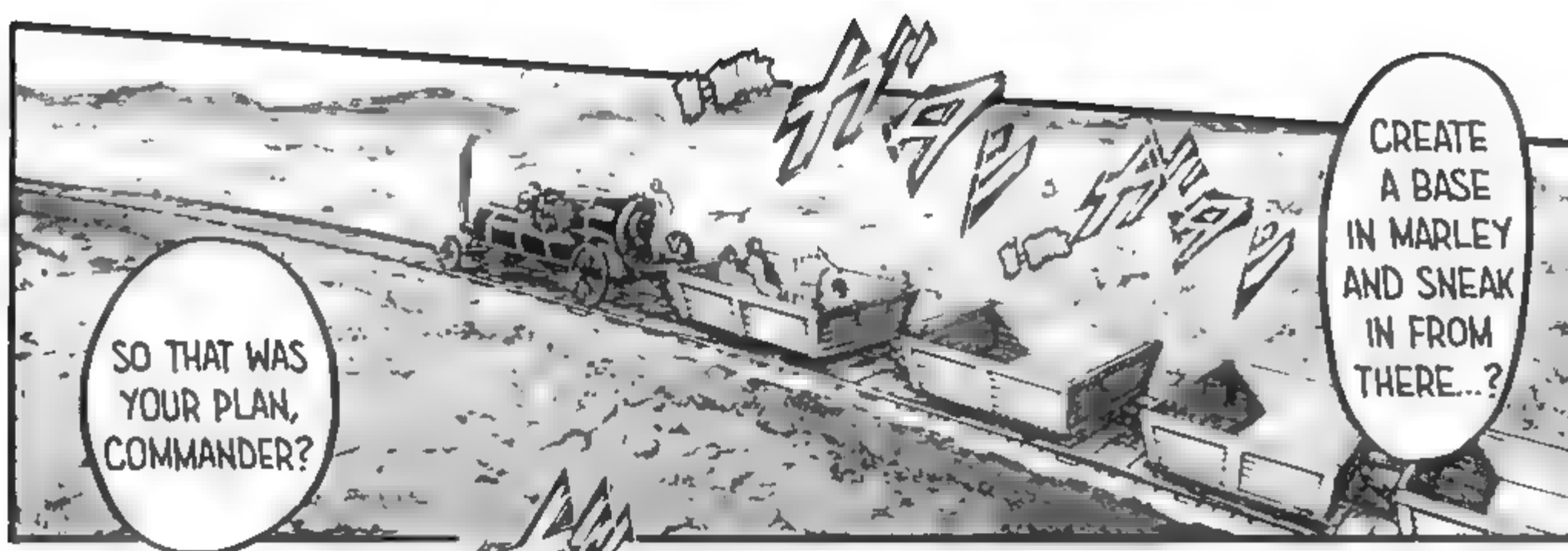
IF
THEY DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHO WE ARE, WE
JUST HAVE TO
TEACH THEM.

LET'S
MEET
THEM
OUR-
SELVES.

SO
...

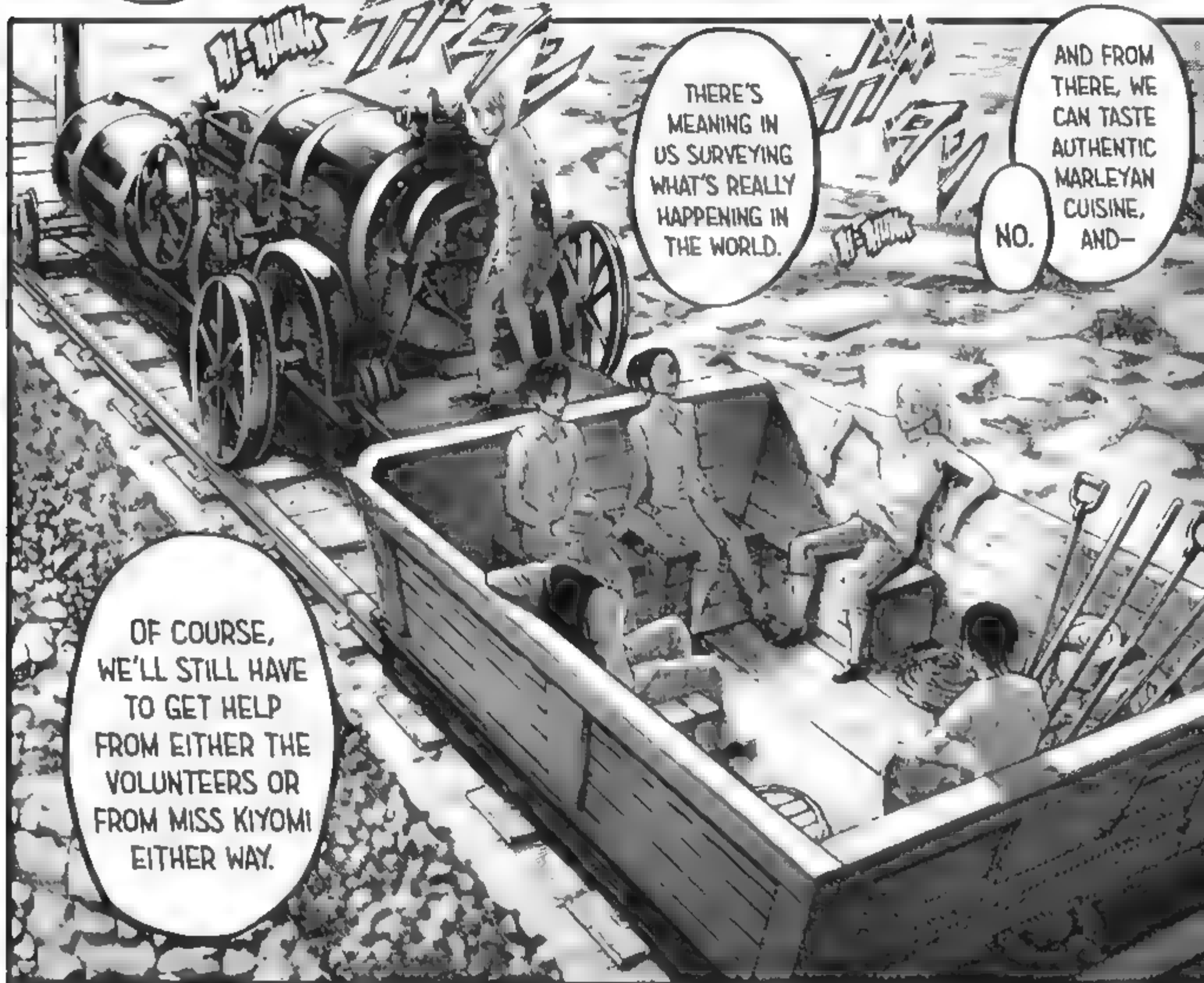


ISN'T
THAT
WHAT THE
SURVEY
CORPS IS
ABOUT?



SO THAT WAS
YOUR PLAN,
COMMANDER?

CREATE
A BASE
IN MARLEY
AND SNEAK
IN FROM
THERE...?



OF COURSE,
WE'LL STILL HAVE
TO GET HELP
FROM EITHER THE
VOLUNTEERS OR
FROM MISS KIYOMI
EITHER WAY.

THERE'S
MEANING IN
US SURVEYING
WHAT'S REALLY
HAPPENING IN
THE WORLD.

NO.

AND FROM
THERE, WE
CAN TASTE
AUTHENTIC
MARLEYAN
CUISINE, AND—



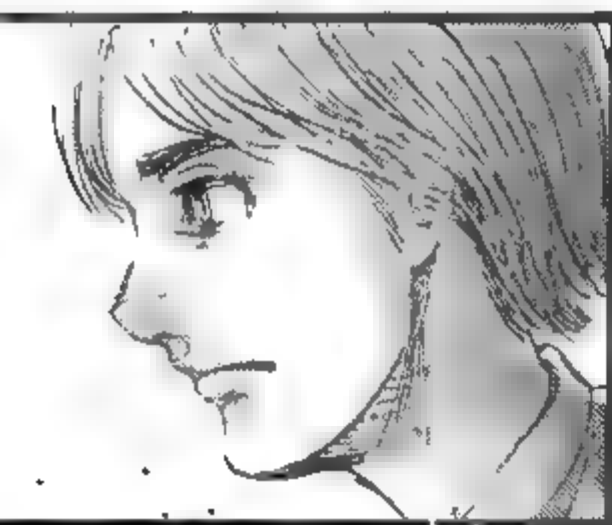
NICCOLO
SAID THEY
HAVE LOTS
OF KINDS OF
ALCOHOL,
RIGHT?

WERE
YOU LISTEN-
ING AT
ALL?

ANT-
ACIDS,
A TOOTH-
BRUSH...
AND A
SNACK
THAT
TASTES
OF HOME

HOPE
I DON'T
GET A
STOMACH
BUG.

HUH,
WHAT
SHOULD
I
BRING?





I
ONLY HAVE
FIVE AND
CHANGE...



WHO'S
GOING TO
INHERIT
MY TITAN.



WE NEED
TO DECIDE
SOON.



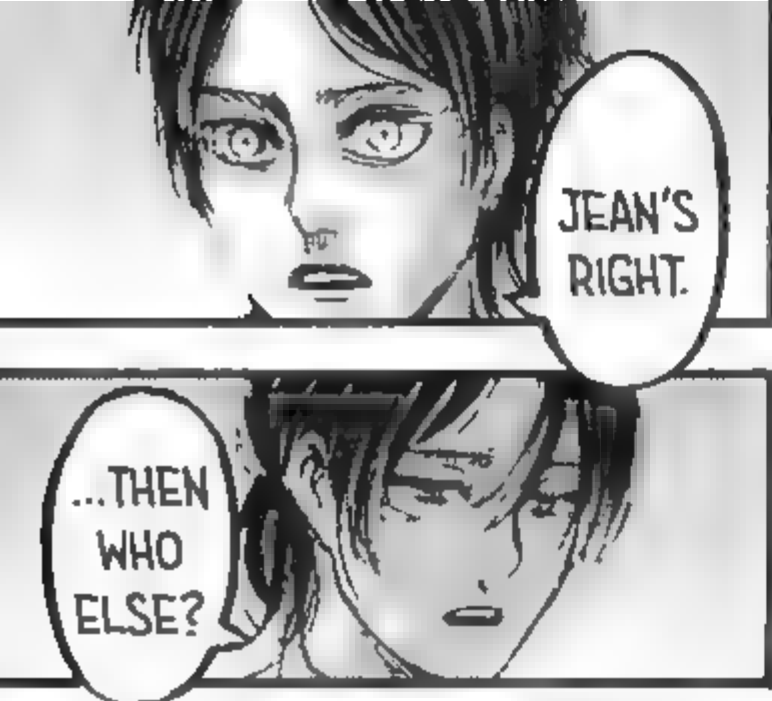
YOU'RE
HALF-EASTERN,
TOO. WE DON'T
EVEN KNOW
IF YOU CAN
BECOME A
TITAN, RIGHT?

WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE
ACKERMAN
FAMILY IS.

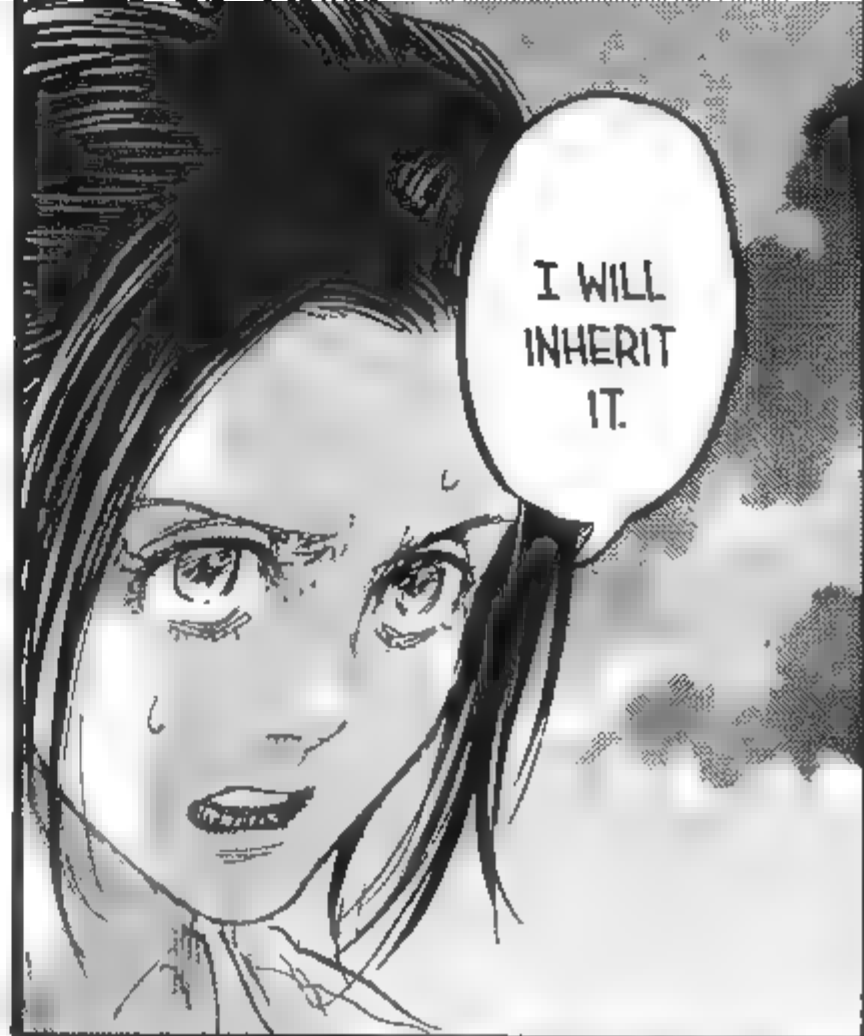
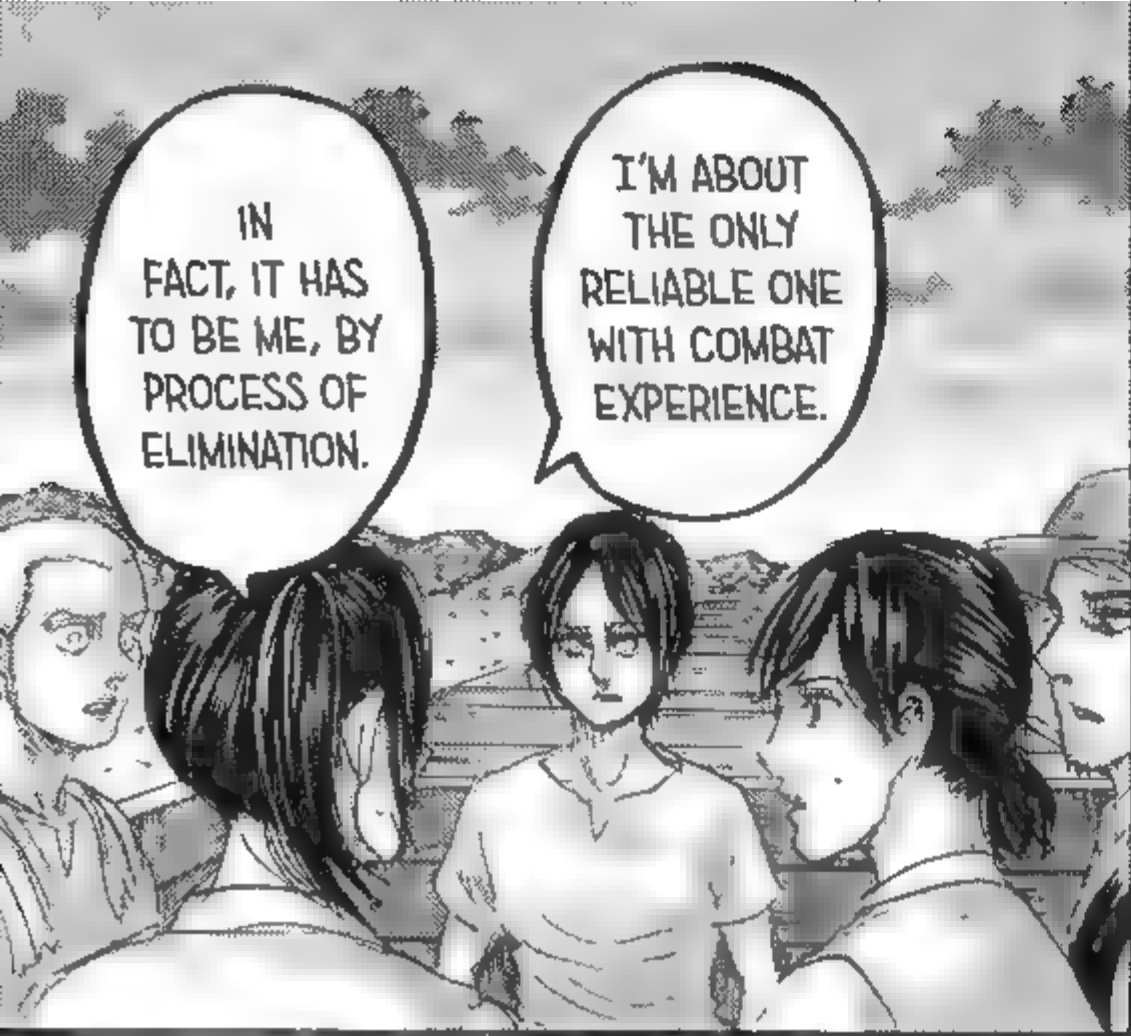


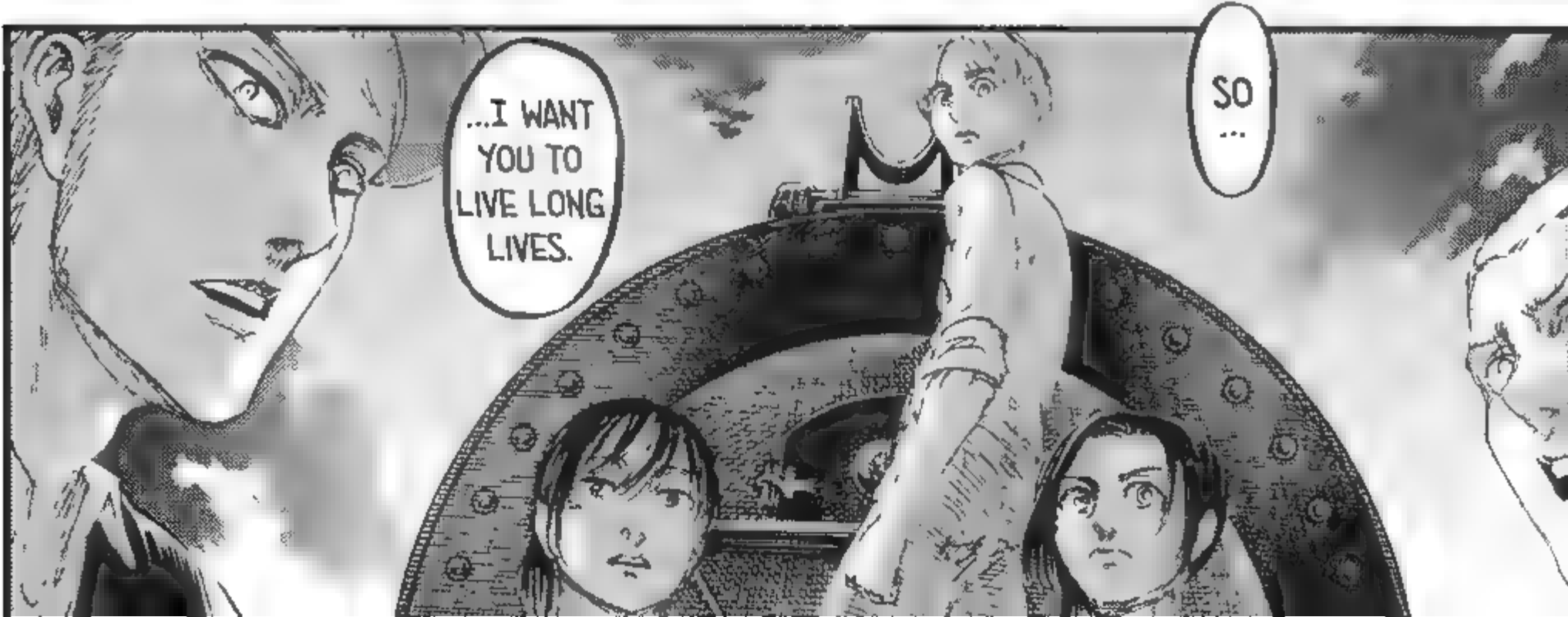
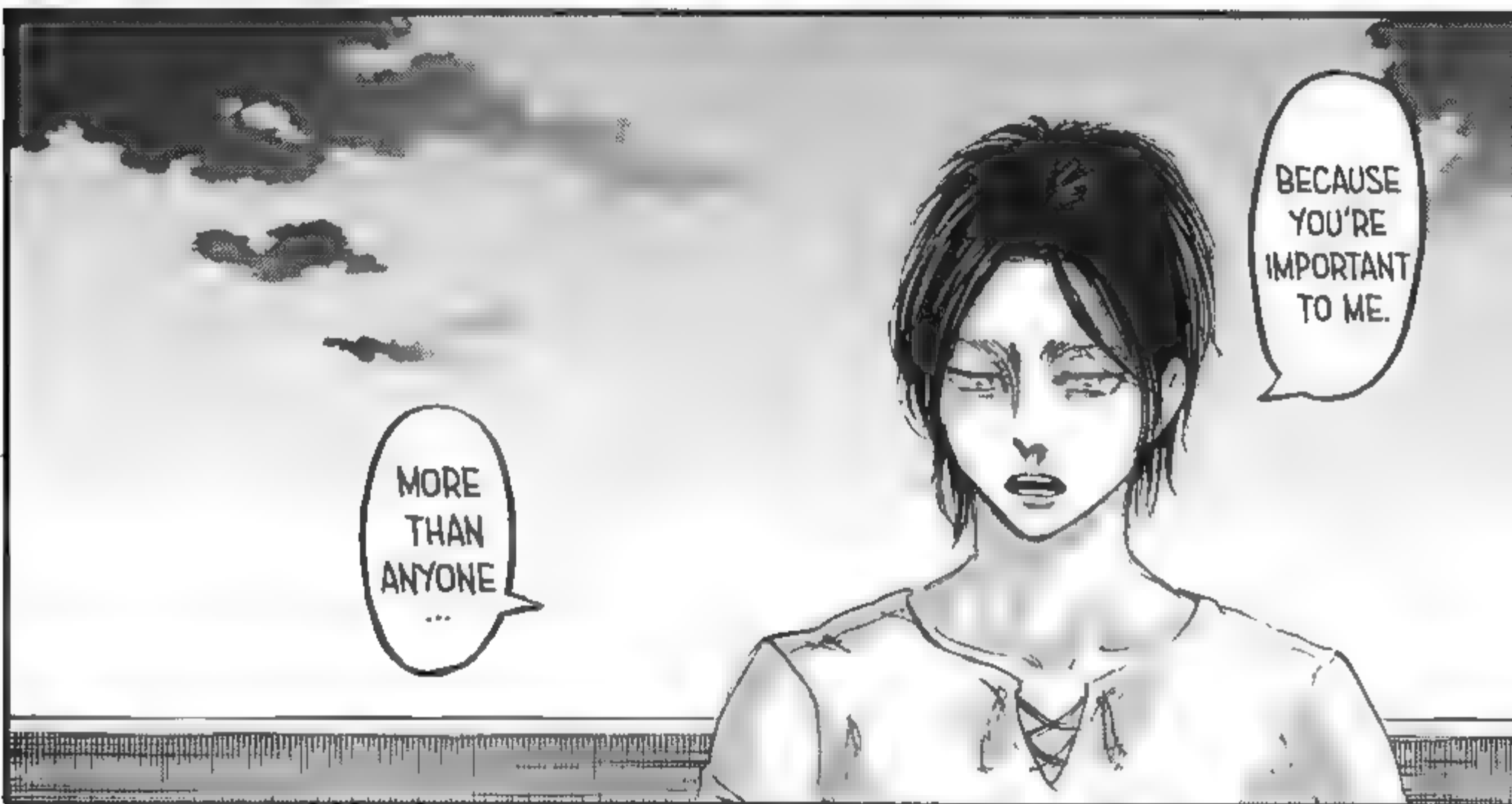
YOU
KNOW
YOU
CAN'T.

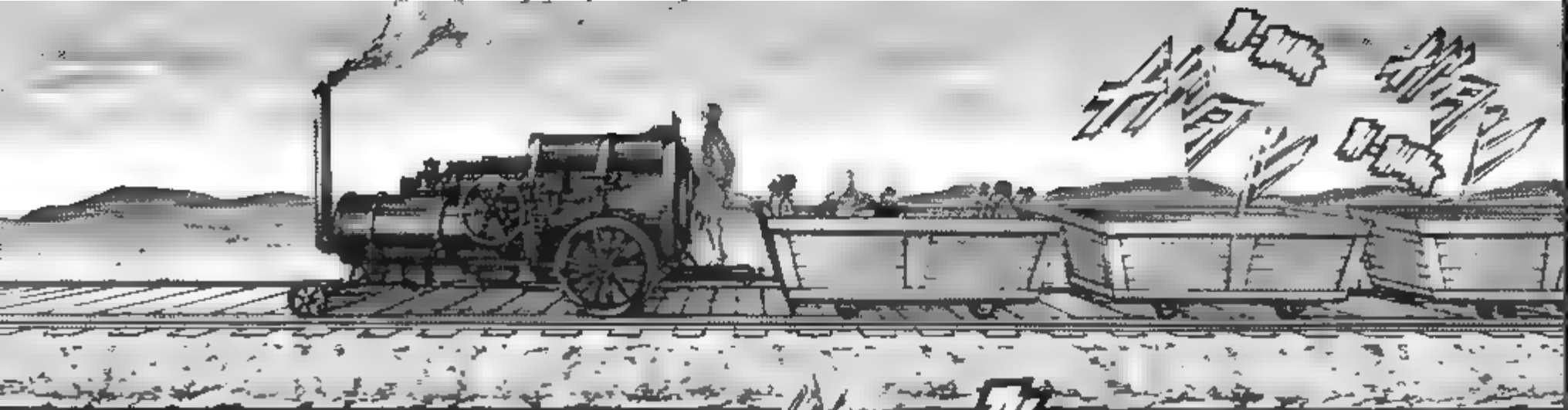
I
WILL.





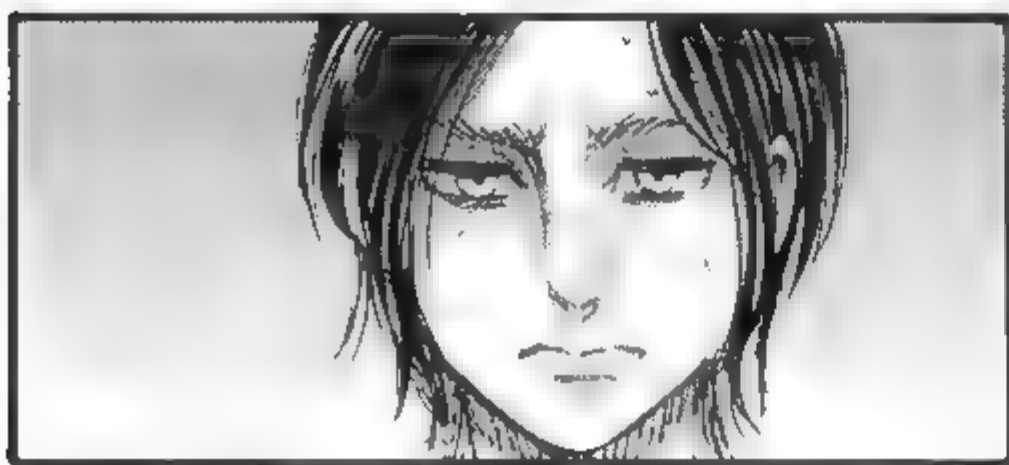


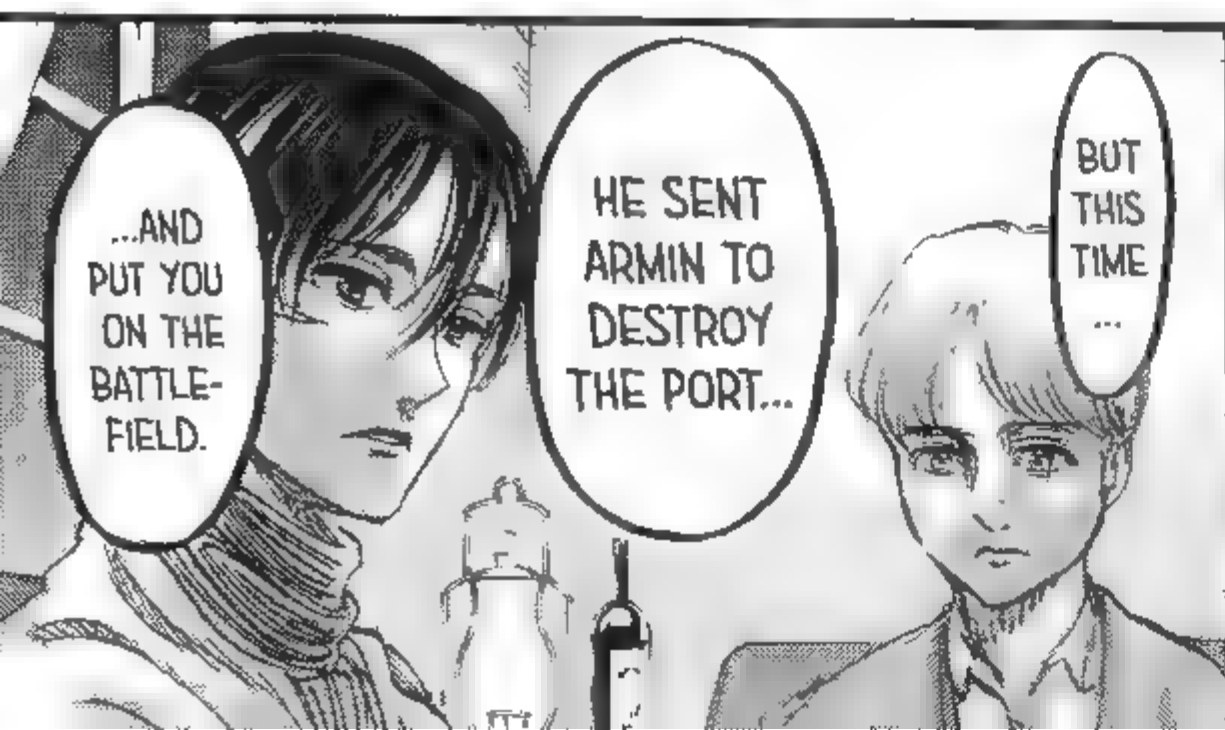




HUH?!













WE'LL
TALK TO
EREN.



....AND
WHAT'S A
DISCUS-
SION
GOING
TO DO?



WE'LL
FINAGLE OUR
WAY INTO A
DISCUSSION
WITH HIM.

JUST
ME,
MIKASA,
AND
HIM...

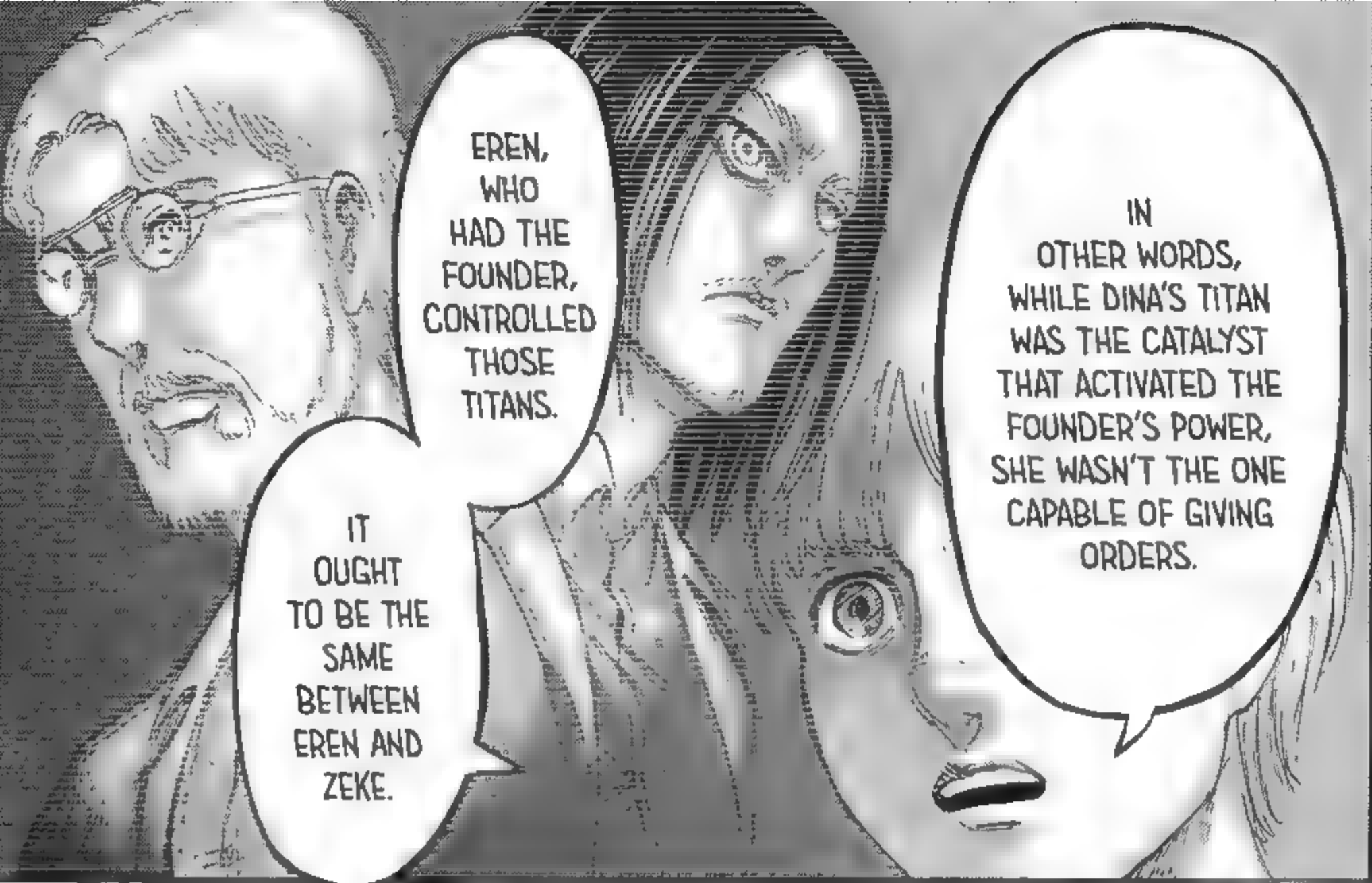


...DINA,
A TITAN WITH
ROYAL BLOOD,
WAS EATEN BY
A SWARM OF
TITANS.

THE
ONE TIME
IN THE PAST
THAT EREN
USED THE
FOUNDER'S
POWER...

THAT
WASN'T
DINA'S WILL,
IT WAS WHAT
EREN
WANTED.





EREN,
WHO
HAD THE
FOUNDER,
CONTROLLED
THOSE
TITANS.

IT
OUGHT
TO BE THE
SAME
BETWEEN
EREN AND
ZEKE.

IN
OTHER WORDS,
WHILE DINA'S TITAN
WAS THE CATALYST
THAT ACTIVATED THE
FOUNDER'S POWER,
SHE WASN'T THE ONE
CAPABLE OF GIVING
ORDERS.



EREN'S
THE ONE WHO
DECIDES WHAT
HAPPENS. AS
LONG AS HE
SHARES OUR
GOALS, THERE'S
NO PROBLEM.

WHATEVER
ZEKE MIGHT
BE PLANNING, IT
WON'T HAPPEN
UNLESS IT'S WHAT
EREN WANTS,
TOO.

IN
THAT
CASE
...

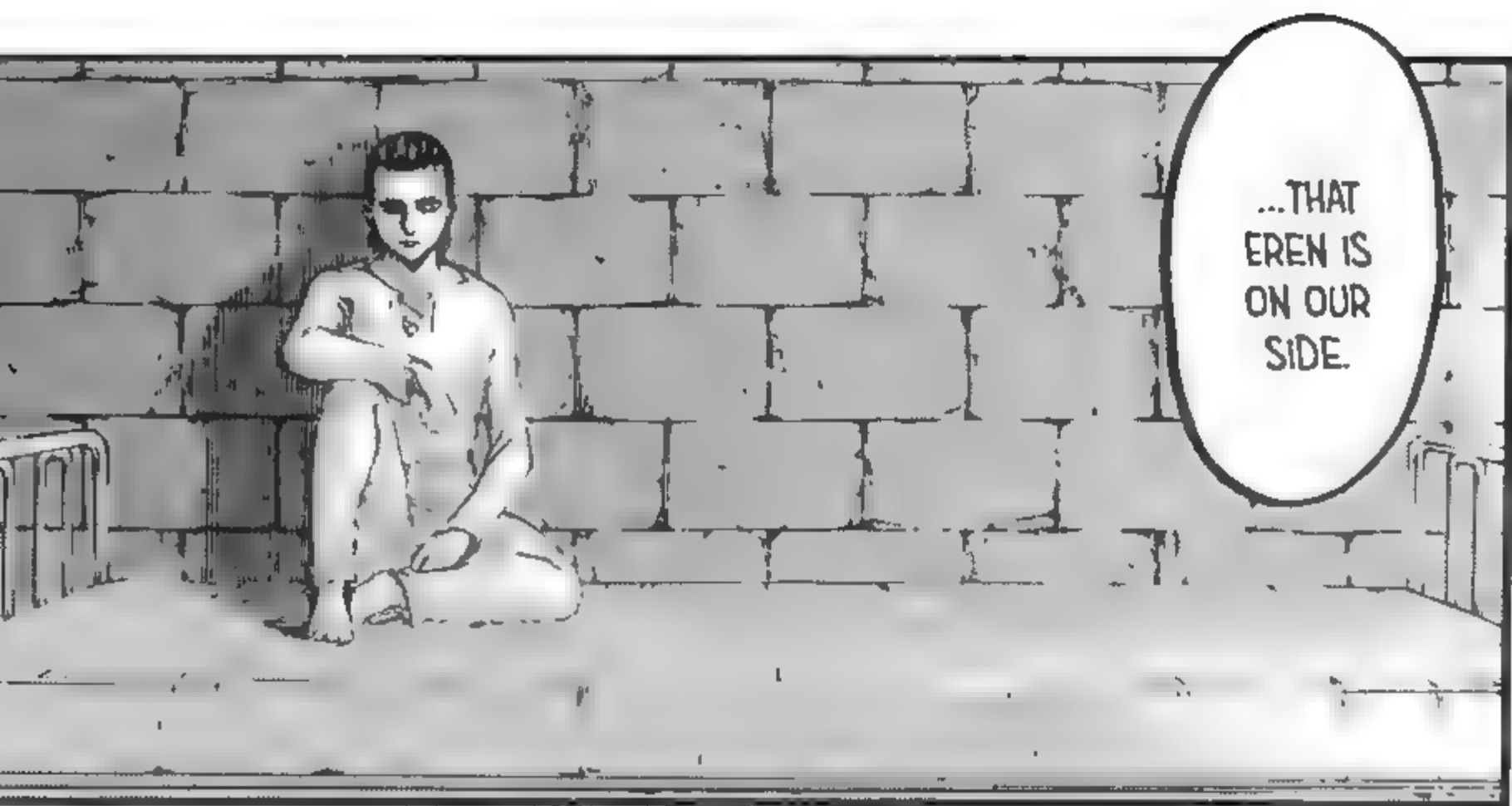


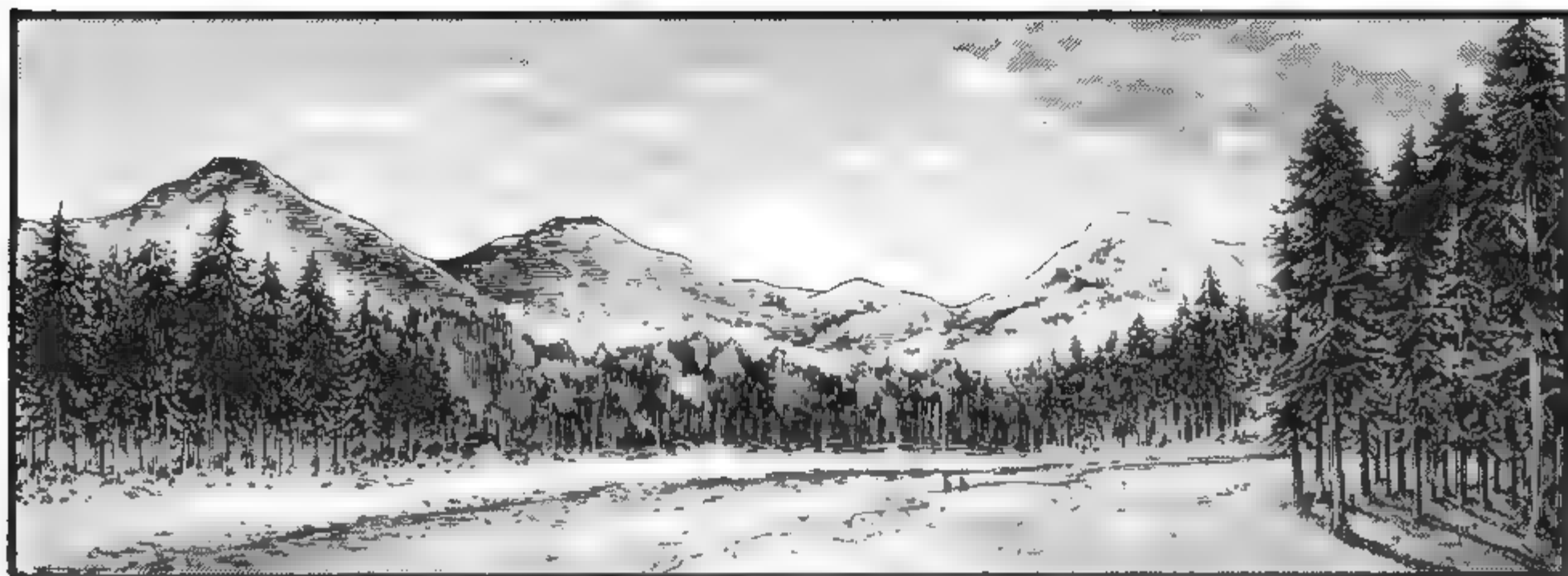
...THAT
MEANS
WE
HAVE A
CHOICE.

THE
CORPS
HAS THE
SERUM THAT
CAN TURN
SOMEONE
INTO A
TITAN.

...AND
WHAT IF
HE SHARES
ZEKE'S
GOALS?



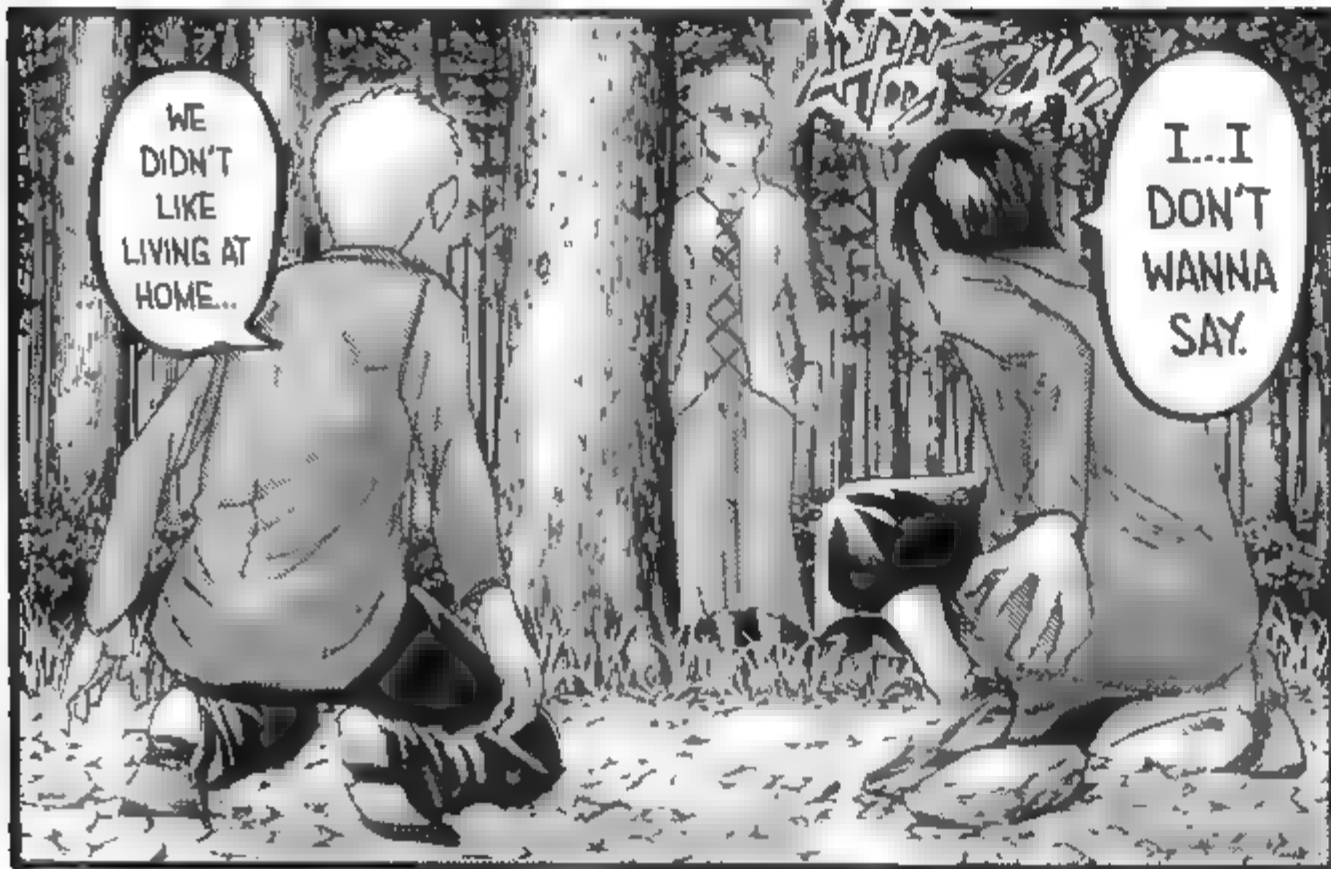


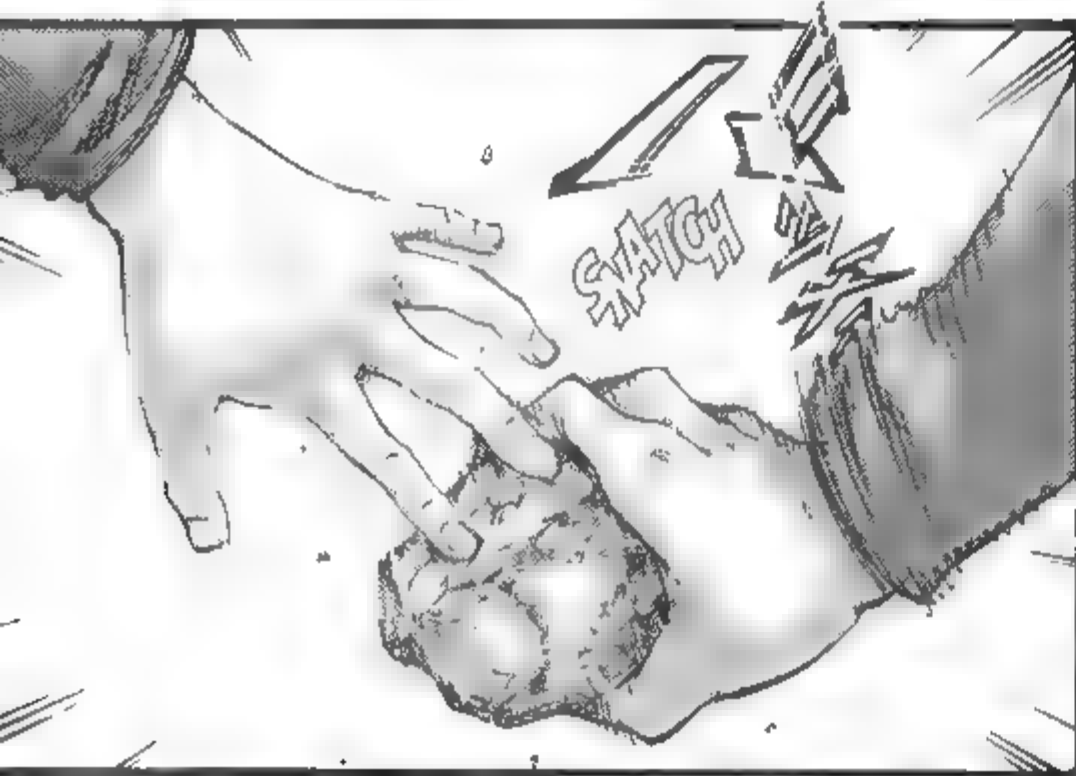
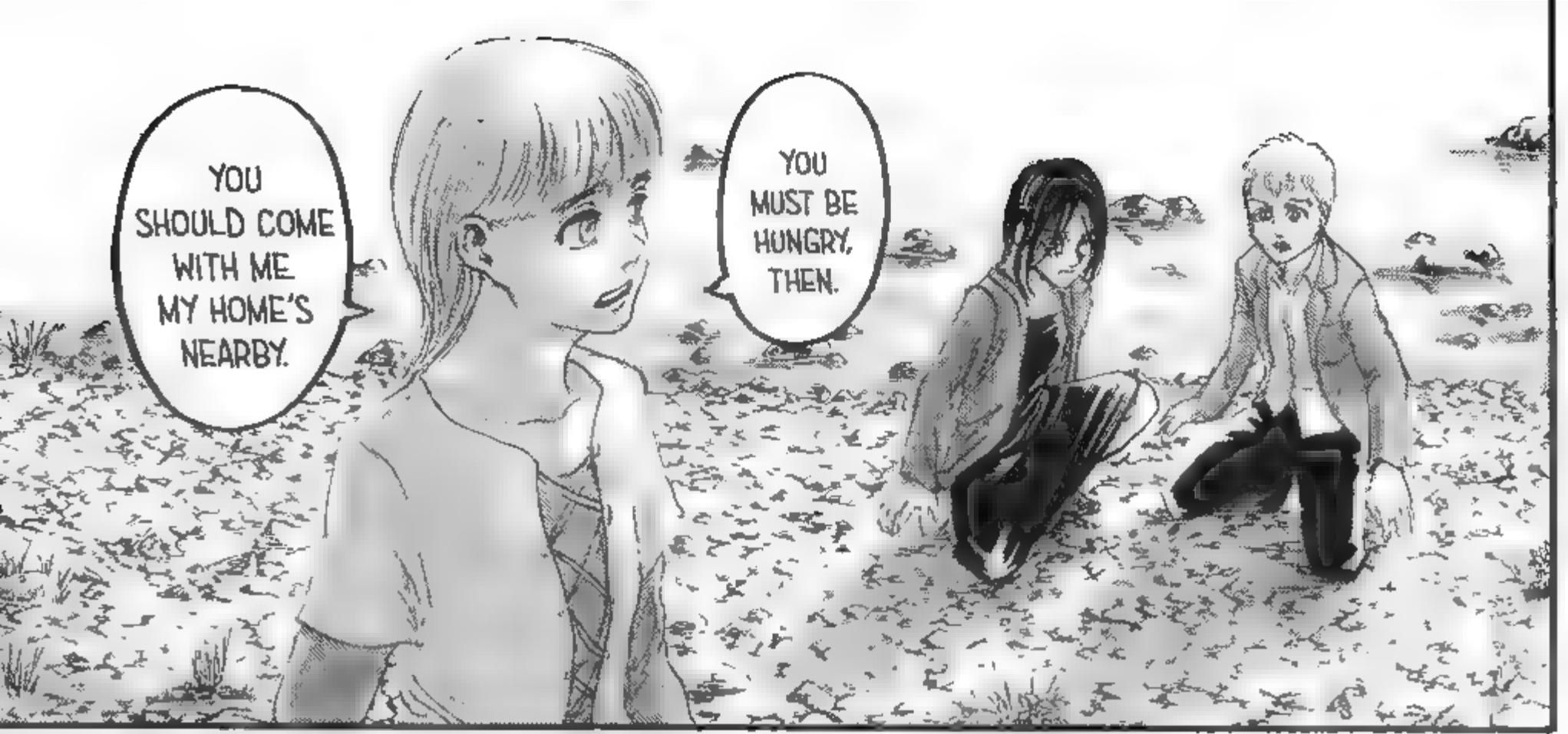


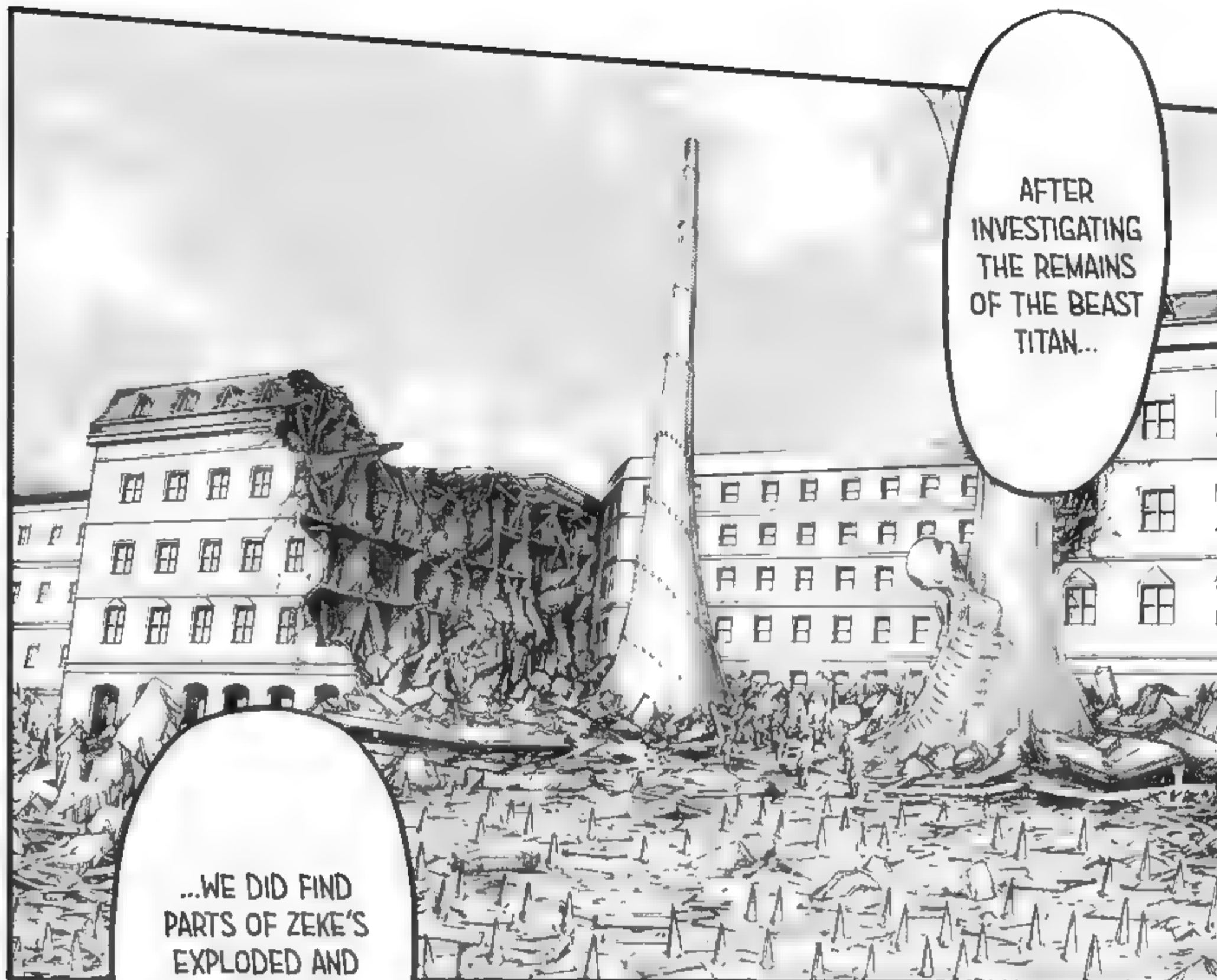






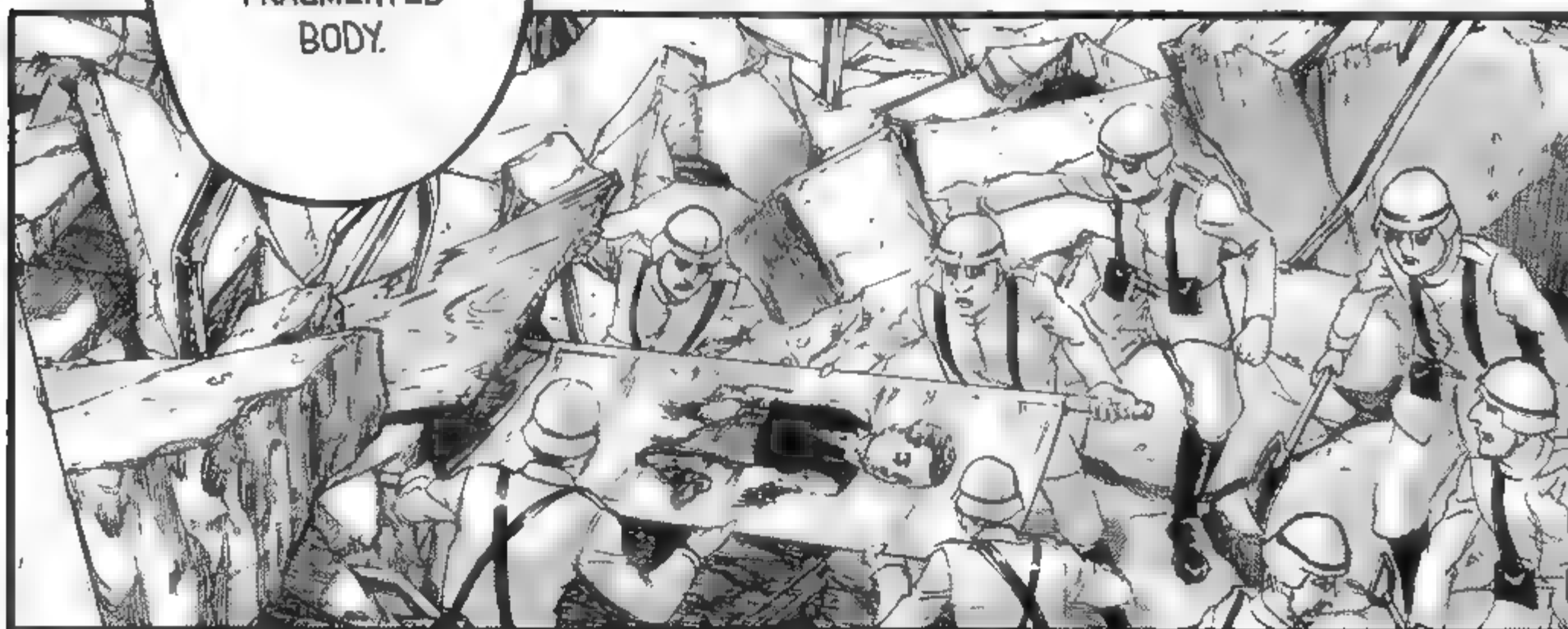






AFTER
INVESTIGATING
THE REMAINS
OF THE BEAST
TITAN...

...WE DID FIND
PARTS OF ZEKE'S
EXPLODED AND
FRAGMENTED
BODY.

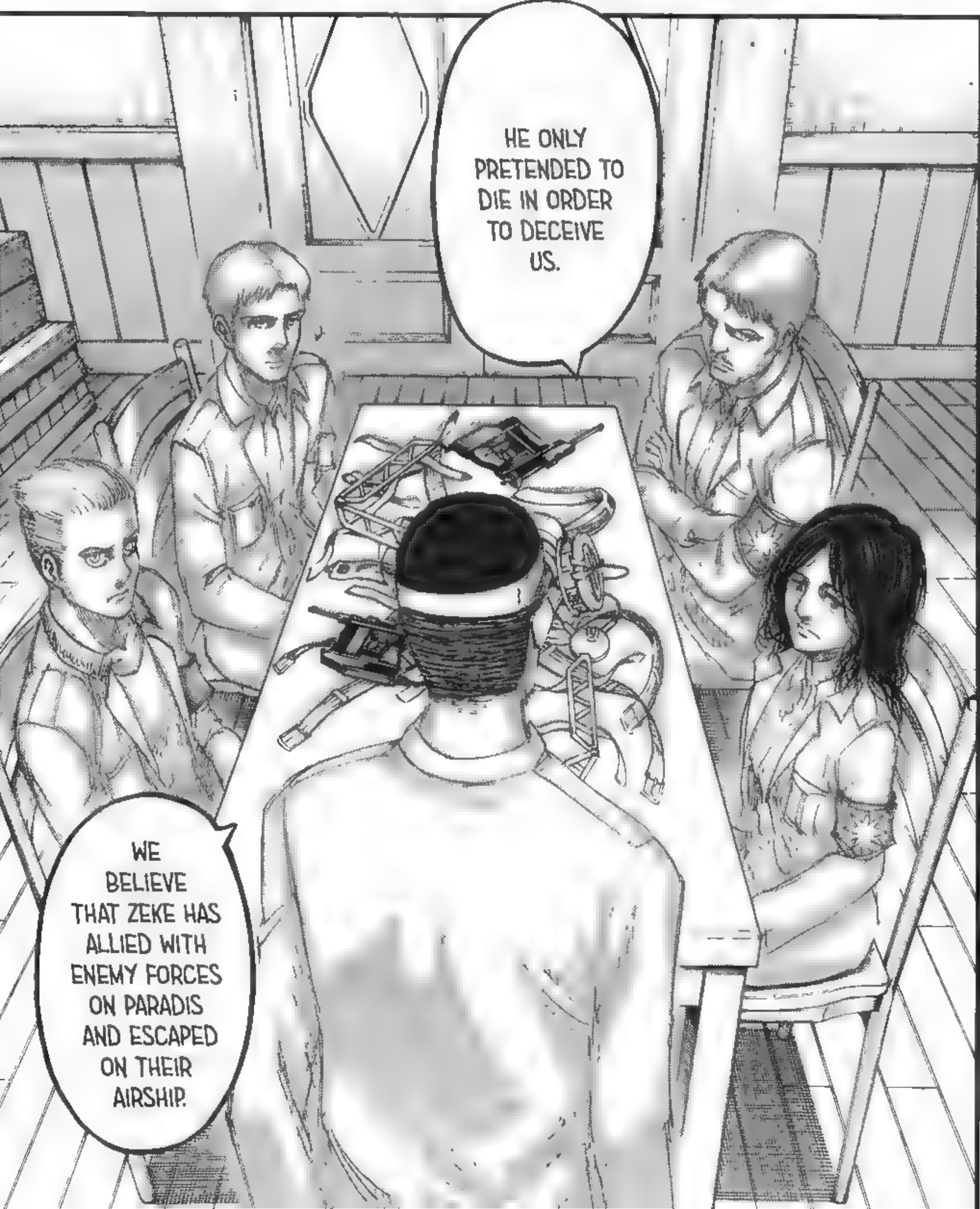




ALL
WE COULD
FIND WERE
LIMBS.

THERE'S
NOT
ENOUGH.

BUT
...



HE ONLY
PRETENDED TO
DIE IN ORDER
TO DECEIVE
US.

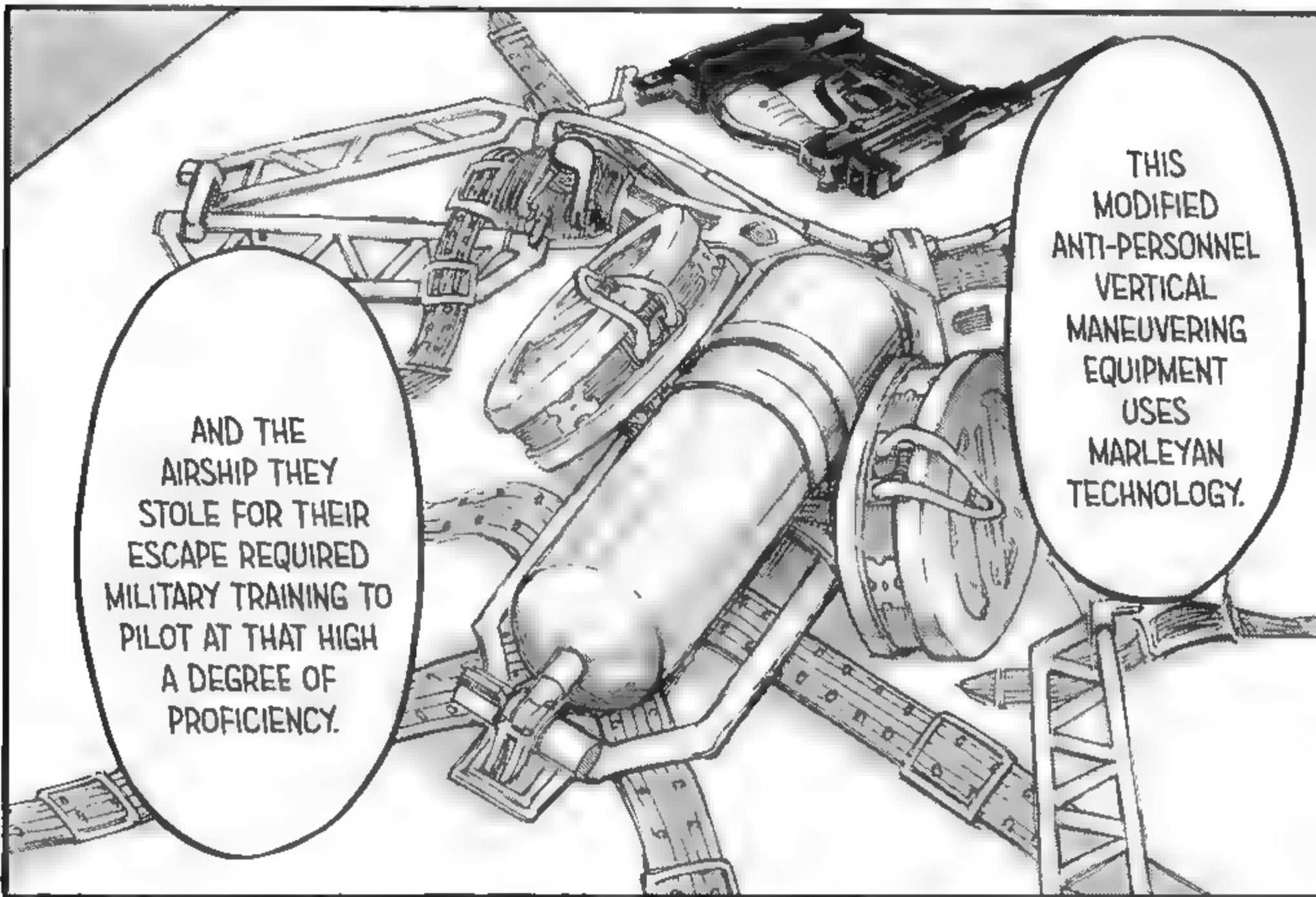
WE
BELIEVE
THAT ZEKE HAS
ALLIED WITH
ENEMY FORCES
ON PARADIS
AND ESCAPED
ON THEIR
AIRSHIP.



...FOR OVER
FOUR YEARS.
HE WAS PUTTING
TOGETHER A TEAM
OF CO-CONSPIRA-
TORS WHILE INSIDE
THE MARLEYAN
MILITARY.

...ZEKE
HAD BEEN
PLANNING
HIS RAID ON
MARLEY...

IF PIECK'S
THEORY IS
CORRECT...



AND THE
AIRSHIP THEY
STOLE FOR THEIR
ESCAPE REQUIRED
MILITARY TRAINING TO
PILOT AT THAT HIGH
A DEGREE OF
PROFICIENCY.


THIS
MODIFIED
ANTI-PERSONNEL
VERTICAL
MANEUVERING
EQUIPMENT
USES
MARLEYAN
TECHNOLOGY.



...
GAH!

...HIS
COMRADES
IN THE
ELDIAN
RESTORATION-
ISTS.

HE
MUST HAVE
SNUCK THEM
ONTO THE
SURVEY SHIP
TO PARADIS
FOUR YEARS
AGO.



TO THINK
HE WAS A
TRAITOR...

WE
FOUGHT
TOGETHER
FOR SO
LONG...

DAM-
MIT...




WE'RE
NOT GOING
TO LET THIS
END HERE.

OF
COURSE
...



JUST
LIKE
...

...WILLY
TYBUR ASKED
THE WORLD
TO DO THAT
DAY...



AFTER
THE ATTACK
ON MARLEY, THE
DIGNITARIES
AND NEWSPAPER
REPORTERS FROM
AROUND THE
WORLD WENT ON
TO SPEAK OF THE
THREAD POSED
BY PARADIS.

ALL MAJOR
NATIONS CAME
TOGETHER IN
THE BLINK OF AN
EYE TO FORM A
MASSIVE MILITARY
ALLIANCE.



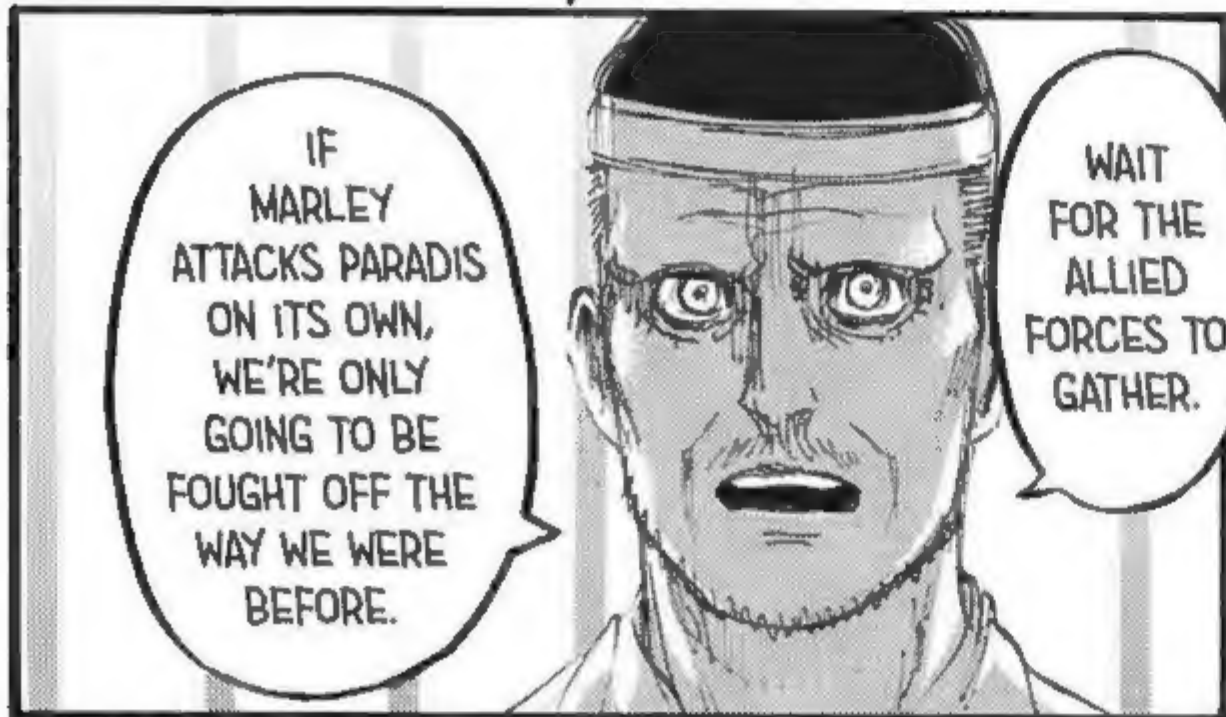
S-SIX MONTHS?!
TH-THANK



A GLOBAL MILITARY ALLIANCE WILL CONDUCT A SCORCHED-EARTH CAMPAIGN AGAINST PARADIS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS!



WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO WAIT UNTIL ZEKE'S TERM IS UP!



IF MARLEY ATTACKS PARADIS ON ITS OWN, WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE FOUGHT OFF THE WAY WE WERE BEFORE.

WAIT FOR THE ALLIED FORCES TO GATHER.



IS THAT HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO RESCUE FALCO AND GABI, TOO?!



AND HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'S JUST GOING TO WAIT AROUND WITH NO PLAN UNTIL HE'S CRUSHED SIX MONTHS LATER.



THAT THE MARLEYAN ARMY WON'T MOVE TO ATTACK IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKING SUCH A MASSIVE BLOW.

ZEKE MUST BE THINKING THE SAME THING.



AND IF
WE WANT
TO SNUFF
THAT
PLAN
OUT...

YES...
HE MUST
HAVE A
PLAN IN
MIND.

SO
YOU THINK
ZEKE IS
PLOTING
SOME-
THING
RIGHT
NOW?



WE
NEED TO
LAUNCH A
SURPRISE
ATTACK ON
PARADIS.

...WE
CAN'T WAIT
FOR THE
GLOBAL
ALLIANCE TO
BE READY.

BOOM

ATTACK on TITAN